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This informant on December 9, 1957, advised a public meeting sponsored by the Minnesota Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was held on December 5, 1957 at the Leamington Hotel at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Informant advised Mrs. JEAN BRUST opened the meeting and introduced HAVEN PERKINS as the first speaker. PERKINS, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies, spoke briefly about the feature speaker of the evening, whom he introduced as Dr. MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of law at the University of Chicago.

Dr. SHARP discussed at length the history of the ROSENBERG and SOBELL Cases. He dwelt on the alleged doubts in his mind of the integrity of the witnesses used by the government in these cases and the lack of evidence. SHARP also mentioned he was concerned with the severity of the sentences given the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL and felt that SOBELL, especially, was given a severe and unjust sentence.

PERKINS then introduced Mr. ARTHUR STERNBERG, an attorney, who spoke of financial necessities in continuing

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the fight on behalf of SOBELL as a result of which contributions were made. PERKINS then introduced Mrs. JEAN BRUST, who spoke briefly about her connections with the local Sobell Committee.

According to who advised on August 2, 1957, Mrs. JEAN BRUST is a member of the socialist Workers Party.

The Socialist Workers Party is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

II. OFFICERS



The above information was corroborated by the following informants on the indicated dates:

on February 3, 1958 on January 23, 1958 on January 24, 1958 on January 22, 1958 on January 23, 1958

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On December 11, 1957, this informant furnished a mimeographed form letter which was issued at the National Conference of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobellheld at New York City on November 30, 1957 and December 1, 1957. This letter bears the caption "Appeal to the President" and is addressed to the President and asks the President to exercise his executive authority either by asking the Attorney General to consent to a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or by granting of Executive Pardon and Commutation. This letter contains space for the sender to place his name and address and below this space are listed the names of the individuals who have signed this request.



On January 13, 1958, this informant furnished a mimeographed letter which is on stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and is dated January 10, 1958, which enclosed material to launch a new campaign for action by one million Americans. This letter lists suggested ways for using this material and contains order blanks for additional material.

In addition, informant furnished a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL addressed to the President of the United States asking for Executive Clemency. Informant also furnished an appeal to the President addressed to the President asking for a new trial or granting of Executive Pardon or Commutation, which appeal contains names of eminent individuals who have signed this appeal.



The December 14, 1957 issue of "Glos Ludowy" on page 12, column 5, of the English section, entitled "Open National Public Appeal by One Million for Sobell ", stated that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has announced the opening of a national public appeal for action by one million Americans on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. This article further states that "Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, and New York Sobell Committees will be coordinating-centers to launch this program.

On April 19, 1955, and advised that the "Glos Ludowy" is a Polish - English language newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line. The entire editorial policy of this newspaper is dominated by Communist Party members.

IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. Communist Party Connections

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This informant on November 8, 1957 advised that on November 2, 1957 the Communist Party sponsored a social affair celebrating the 40th anniversary of Socialism held at the American Hall, 626 North Vandeventer Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, at which CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, was the guest speaker. At this meeting, CLARA PERKINS, Chairman of the SLOSJMS said a few words concerning the appeal being made for MORTON SORELL and stated that the newspapers had carried half-truths and the Sobell Committee still had hopes of something being done.



February 10, 1958.

B. Socialist Workers Party Connections

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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This informant on February 3, 1958, advised that on February 1, 1958 a meeting called "State of Civil Liberties" sponsored by the Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago, was held at IDA NOYES Hall on East 59th Street at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. This meeting was part of the Midwest Conference of Socialist Youth sponsored by the Socialist Youth Committee of Chicago, assoriing to the literature passed out at the meeting. At this meeting, one GENE TOURNOUR from Missouri was introduced as a representative from the Committee to Free Morton Sobell and gave a talk on the history of the SORELL case. According to the informant, TOURNOUR stated that SORELL had only been seen talking with the ROSENBERGs on two occasions, and that under these circumstances anyone could be sent to jail who talked to the wrong people. According to the informant, TOURNOUR stated that SOBELL was a political prisoner and that it was unfair that he should be kept in a prison like Alcatraz which was reserved for dangerous prisoners like murderers.



This informant, on April 9, 1958, furnished a March, 1958 issue of a newspaper entitled "The Young Socialist" which contains an article entitled "150 Radical Youths Met in Midwest; Hit U. S. Witchhunt" by BERT DECK. This article states on the weekend of February 1 and 2, 1958 150 young students and workers met in Chicago at the Midwest Conference of Young Socialists to discuss the problems and objectives of building a Socialist Youth Movement in America. This article contains a paragraph in which it states "Gene Tournour, Jr., 19, a student at Western St. Louis University, spoke for the Sobell Committee. He stated many college groups across the country are setting up activities in support of the Sobell Case. We want a

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The above information was corroborated by the following informants on the indicated dates:

on March 6, 1958 on February 12, 1958

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BILL SENTNER is a convicted St. Louis Smith Act subject whose case was reversed and remanded by the Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4, 1958.

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LABOR FORUM

A source advised in September, 1957 that during this month, a meeting was held in St. Louis, Missouri attended by members of the Socialist Workers Party and Communist Party. was decided to launch a new organization to be known as the "Labor Forum." Its purpose is to unite "socialists" in Greater St. Louis, including representatives of the Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party and Independent Socialist League, in mutual fields of agreement. 重日本司司等等等人的教育。通行会的经济管理

This source advised in December, 1957 that meetings of the new organization were held in October, 1957 and December, 1957 at St. Louis, Misscuri. RICHARD H. CLARKE, organizer of the St. Louis Branch SWP has assumed the chairmanship. Butter Land Land and the contract of the contr

The above information was corroborated by another source in December, 1957.

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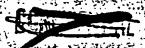
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concentrated in various front organizations of which the Breedom of the Press Committee was one.

On May 20, 1957, a source advised that the Freedom of the Press Committee is one of the various front organizations in the St. Louis area in which the activity of the Communist Party is concentrated; and that the committee's purpose continues to be distribution of "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker," and that the organization is headed by KLLIOTT WAXMAN, a Communist Party member.

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St. Louis, Missouri

June 11, 1958 ..

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 (SL file 100-11726)

All informants utilized in St. Louis report of SA CLARK S. SMITH dated June 11, 1958 concerning the captioned subject have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of T-20, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability.

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Enclosed are six copies of the report of SA CLARK S. SMITH dated 6/11/58 at St. Louis and six copies of the memorandum setting forth reliability of informants utilized in this report.

Two copies of captioned report and two copies of the reliability memorandum are being furnished the New York Office Inamuch as New York is the Office of Origin in this case.

One copy of captioned report and one copy of the reliability memorandum is being furnished the Chicago Office for information purposes.

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: SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 6/11/58

FROM ASAC, NEW HAVEN (100-14203)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS - C

00: NEW YORK

There is enclosed for the New York Division, one pamphlet entitled "Morton Sobell News Letter" for May, 1958, issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, New York, and one pamphlet entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done" published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The above items were received through the U.S. Mail on 5/9/58 who has furnished reliable information in the past. They were made available to SA LLOYD S. GOODROW. Original information is located in New Haven file

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Office Memorandum . United states government

TO : SAC. NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 6-11-58

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SA MORRIS W. HADDOCK, 12-0

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS-C

on 6/11/58, made available a brochure thitled, "What Does The Month of June Mean To You?".

This flyer states that the first two weeks in June (June 1st-June 15th) have been declared a "Freedom Fortanight" for Morton Sobell, a time during which it is asked that everyone interested in the Sobell case "act in some way in behalf of Sobell's freedom." A number of useful acts such as canvassing, contacting prominent person, making financial contributions, are then enumerated.

The flyer ends by stating that the two weeks of activity will be climaxed by a "Freedom Forthight Get-Together" on Saturday, June 14 7:30 to 11 P.M. at Nola Studios Room 619 113 West 57th Street (between 6th and 7th Aves.) The special attraction will be Earl Robinson.

The flyer is issued under the "Auspices of New York Sobell Committee, 940 Proadway-New York 10, N.Y." This flyer is beying made an enclosure to this memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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The enclosed memo has been classified contributial since information is contained therein emanating from T-la part and T-2, both of whom are highly sensitive sources.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. WASHINGTON 25, D. C. June 12, 1958

WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

An identification of the Washington Sobell Committee is attached. Morton Sobell is described in this identification.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 2, 1958, reported that Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell, is currently visiting Washington, D. C., for the purpose of obtaining funds in connection with the Morton Sobell case and to visit Senators and other Government officials concerning this case. Informant stated Rose Sobell plans to remain in Washington, D. C., for one month and that she is currently staying at Room 130, Park Central Apartment Hotel, 1900 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On June 11, 1958, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Rose Sobell would appear on Steve Allison's radio program, station WWDC, on June 18, 1958, Washington, D. C.

T-2 reported he had learned that persons sympathetic to the Sobell case have been instructed to listen to this program, to call the radio station after the program and to follow up with letters to the station.

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WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

An informant advised on May 25, 1957, the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) continues to function in the District of Columbia and is the current affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. This latter organization is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

> Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell," the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquerters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

> > (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11,

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UNITED STATES GL ZRIMENT

TO SAC Date: June 12, 1958

FROM : SA LLOYD S. GOODROW

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN FEADERS CLUB

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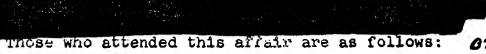
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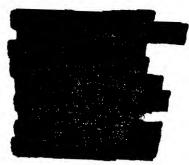
On May 17, 1958, the National Guardian Readers Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut, held a variety sale and dinner in the home of SAM and CHARLOTTE RICHTER, located at 474 Edison Road in Trumbull, Connecticut.

Tickets sold for \$1.50. The dinners that were served consisted of meatballs and spaghetti. These were made by LOUISE ZITO. Stuffed cabbage was made by EDITH BONA. Items sold at the sale consisted of dresses, shoes, pipes, all kinds of trinkets, tools, etc.

All of these items were donated by the members of the club.







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FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR

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On 6/12/58, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES that he had received an invitation to an affair at which ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, will be the featured quest.

The invitation added that there will be a movie shown of the interview of HELEN SCHELL, wife of MORTON SCHELL, on the JOHN WINGATE TV program, "Hightbeat."

No sponsor was listed on the invitation, but the informant said he had been present at SOHELL committee meetings in the recent past when it was announced that movies would be obtained and shown at future affairs.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:

SAC (100-2036)

6/18/58 DATE:

FROM: SA CHARLES T. ADAMS

SUBJECT:

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On 5/27/58, who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written report to SA CHARLES T. ADAMS. This report is maintained

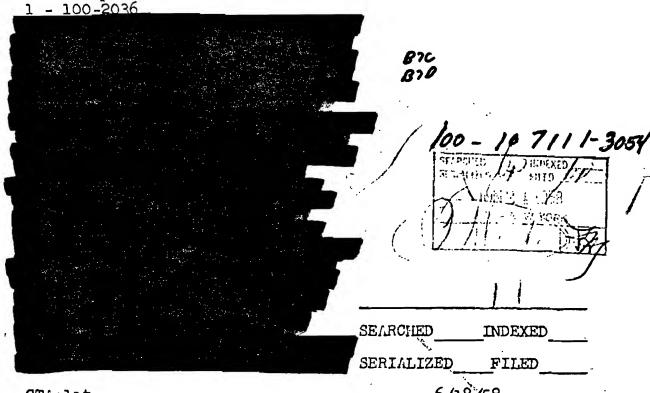
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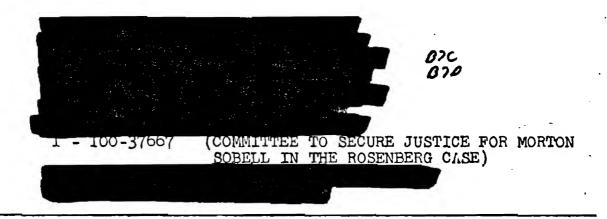
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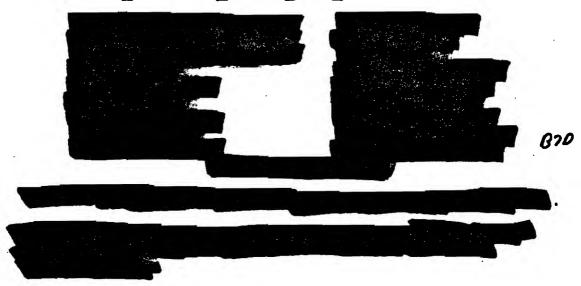
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"Socialist Worker's Party Branch Meeting Sunday, May 25, 1958, 1303 Girard Ave_, Philadelphia_ Pa.

"The Following People Were Present:



"Branch Meeting Business Was First:

"MARRY JAMES had a person by the name of 'GRADEY' or 'BRADEY NORMAN' to recomend for membership, he is a Negro unemployed and he lives around the corner from swp headquaters. He was

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"not present and no action was taken on his membership. He has been comming to classes.

"Sobel Case:

"PEARL CHERTOV said, that JUNE seventh and eighth people working on 'Sobel Case' will go house to house for names.

There was a letter from National Office on fund drive, money is needed as soon as possible.



"There is an outing at Mountain Springs Camp on Mcmorial Day and the week-end. Firday ball game between Philadelphia and New York, Saturday 'Rev King Of Chicago' will speak, he is running on the 'Unitied Socialist Ticket,' Sunday a group of people who have lost their jobs due to Witch Hunt will speak on this subject.



"DAVE WEISS reported on the past year's work, started with Youth Work, increased youth with ART FELBERBAUM and ARLEANE BERNSTIEN, said some members has said youth work as far organized program was adventurous. DAVE said the 'Teamsters Union Local' had made many workers aware of swp. BILL CRAEGER and WILLIAM PAUL were members due to this.

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"Negro Work

"DAVE WEISS spoke about March on Washington, Block Committee, increased Negro membership also youth beginning to attract Negro youth. This was one of the faults of the youth before.

"Fund Drive:

"Branch still behind by One Hundred and Six Dollars, fund drive ends thursday of this week. Also must try to expand sale of Militant.

"Regroupment:

"This is part of mass work also to try to get radical parties together, talked abou't successful signature campain. Quesitions were asked, ART FELBERBAUM said polcy was clear as far as youth work was concerned, but no help from E.C. TOM KERRY cauutioned ART not too be to sharp in his tone. OREGON LAWS JR said he looked for more Negroes to join in comming year but branch must make them feel at home. MORRIS CHERTOV was very angury when he found there would be no meeting next week. TOM KERRY said the secretariat would be at mountain springs camp.

"HOWARD LECOMPTE posed quesition, has youth queston been discussed? Said this would be part of discussion at next meeting. ROSE KUEHN claimed she did not know a member of secretariat would be present, MORRIS, ROSE, JUNE, PEARL and HOWARD wanted branch meeting next week but were defeated by vote.



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"On Saturday, June 14, 1958, a "get together" was held in room 619 at 113 West 57th Street, NYC. This affair was sponsored by the New York Sobell Committee.

By about 10:00 pm there were about 75 or 100 people there. There was musical entertainment and drinks were served in the rear. Most of the peole were middle aged or older people and all were well dressed. No admission was charged."

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka IS - C; ISA of 1950 (00: NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a lettorhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

New York is being furnished two copies of this memo, and Philadelphia one copy. Philadelphia is alerted that Rose Sobell and Sara Hammond are scheduled to attend a fund raising affair in Philadelphia Friday, 6/20/58.

Identity of informants in the memorandum are:



Memorandum classified confidential in order to protect a sensitive informant, T-1.

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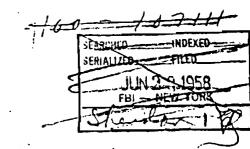
On June 19, 1958, at about 12:25 a.m., Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell, and Sara Hammond, representing the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, were interviewed on the Steve Allison program, Radio Station WWDC, Washington, D. C.

Hammond pointed out that Norton Sobell was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage which she called a very loose charge. Allison said that in a climate of hysteria, a charge of conspiracy is a bad charge.

Rose Sobell, in answer to a question as to whether she thought the judge was fair in his charge to the jury, stated that she was a government witness, but did not testify and did not attend the trial. She said that the Sobell case is now at a stage where they hope to eppeal to the people; she mentioned that many persons are misinformed concerning her son, who was the third defendant in the Rosenberg case and sentenced to thirty years; she said he carried the implications of the Rosenbergs.

Mrs. Sobell said she had come to Washington, as she has to other cities in the country, Europe and Mexico, to plead to the people to help in obtaining her son's freedom. She stated she has an appeal ready to send to President Lisenhower to ask him to pardon, commute the sentence, or grant a new trial for Norton Sobell. She pointed out that hundreds of people have come out in support of this move; she urged the people to help her son and correct this "horrible mistake."

Sara Remnond stated the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell obtains funds through hard work and mentioned that Friday she and Rose Sobell would travel to





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Philadelphia for a house party to request funds; she said the money is to be used to print literature in order to get the facts to the people. Hammond stated she is sonvinced that Morton Sobell was a victim of injustice.

Rose Sobell stated that today is the fifth anniversary of the Rosenberg execution. She added that the dissenting judge, Judge Prank, stated that the Sobell trial was tainted because of the conviction of the Rosenbergs.

Allison asked why Sobell changed his name when he went to Mexico. Mrs. Sobell stated that her son, his wife and children went to Mexico under their right names. She said they were in Mexico at the time the Rosenbergs were arrested and decided to change their name since they were friends of the Rosenbergs. She said since it was a period of hysteria, they were afraid they might be implicated just because they were friends of the Rosenbergs.

Sara Hammond stated that after reading the trial record she could not understand what Sobell was supposed to have done in regards to conspiracy. She said that not once during the trial were any of the overt acts brought out that were mentioned in the bill of particulars. She said the government witness in this case, Max Elitcher, admitted on the stand that he was a perjurer. She said he was a communist and had signed an application that he was not a communist. She said this was held over Elitcher's head by the government but when the trial was over there was no purjury charge filed against Elitcher. Hammond stated that professional witness Elizabeth Bentley even testified that the Rosenbergs and Sobell were communists, that all communists were espionage agents.

Allison asked where persons could write to offer assistance or to criticize. Hammond replied that this could be done by writing to the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

Allison remarked that juries are often swayed by a person's race, politics or religion. He said the Sobell trial was during a period of hysteria and felt the least that can be expected is a new trial for Norton Sobell, especially in view of some of the recent Supreme Court decisions.



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Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on June19, 1958, that Joseph Forer had received an invitation to an affair to be held at the home of Ethel Weichbrod, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Haryland, on Saturday, June 21, 1958, which would be attended by Rose Sobell.

It is to be noted that Joseph Forer is one of the Attorneys representing the Communist Party during 1956-1957 before the Subversive Activities Control Board and the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 23, 1955, advised that during February, 1955, William Shonick, known to the informant as a Communist Party member, had stated that Ethel and Joseph Weichbrod had admitted to him they were current members of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released on January 2, 1957, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information:

"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE HOSENBERG CASE

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"conference in Chicago in October, 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organisation were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Soboll, August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, Eouse Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

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who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided through a mailing made directly b 16

from New York City by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton

Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

This mailing consisted of a one-page flyer advertising a Memorial Tribute to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG to be held at 2:00 p.m., 6/22/58, at Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island, N. Y. This flyer was accompanied by a one-page mimeographed letter dated 6/12/58, addressed "Dear Friend" and signed by "TED JACOBS For The Committee." This letter stated that the radio program "Counterpoint," which originates from Station WNEW, New York City, will have two programs devoted to the Rosenberg-Sobell. Case. On 6/22/58 at 9:35 p.m., ROY COHN, one of the prosecutors at the trial, will present the prosecution point of view in an interview with Professor WILLIAM KUNTSLER, New York University, who conducts the program. On 6/29/58 at 9:35 p.m. Professor MALCOLM P. SHARP of the University of Chicago Lew School and author of the book on this case "Was Justice Done?", will be interviewed to present the view that Justice was not done.

The letter suggested the person receiving this letter would like to listen to these broadcasts and also interest others in listening to them. The letter requested comments and wished to be notified of gatherings to listen to these broadcasts.

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TO ... 'SAC NEW YORK (100 - 107111)

DATE: 6/20/58

FROM 'SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, Sect 7-1.

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS - 6

On page 8 of the June 23,1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a "box-type" announcement entitled "Rosenberg-Sobell Case on N.Y. station WNEW" which advises that the Radio program "Counterpoint" heard on New York Radio Station WNEW (1130kc.) on Sunday evening from 9:35 PM to 10:00 PM would discuss the Rosenberg-Sobell case on sundays June 22,1958 and June 29,1958.

According to this article PROFESSOR WILLIAM KUNSTLER of NYU would interview ROY EOHN, prosecutor of Rosenberg Sobell on June 22,1958 from 9:35 PM to 10:00 PM and would interview PROF MALCOLM SHARP of the University of Chicago Law School on June 29,1958 from 9:35 PM to 10:00 PM.

It is requested that both programs - one on June 22 from 9:35 to 10:00 PM, the other mmmm on June 29 from 9:35 to 10:00 PM - be monitored and a tape of the breadcast or a transcript of the broadcast be furnished Desk 7-1 on the following monday morning.

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SUPERVISOR JAMES J. HILL

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SOBELL

On New York Radio Station WNEW (1130kc.) this date, Professor WILLIAM KUNSTLER of NYU interviewed ROY M. COHN on the program "Counterpoint". The program was devoted to questioning of ROY M. COHN about the ROSENBERG Case. Professor KUNSTLER presented some of the views of Professor MALCOLM SHARP in defense of the ROSENBERGS and SHARP'S opinion that their execution was unjustified. COHN throughout the program, defended the prosecution, JUDGE KAUFMAN'S decision and sentence, the American judicial system, the FBI'S participation, and called the execution justified. COHN feels that the case is closed and should be left that way.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 23, 1958

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

- It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 2, 1958, reported that Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell, is currently visiting Washington, D. C., for the purpose of obtaining funds in connection with the Morton Sobell case and to visit Senators and other Government officials concerning this case. Informant stated Rose Sobell plans to remain in Washington, D. C., for one month and that she is currently staying at Room 130, Park Central Apartment Hotel, 1900 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On June 21, 1958, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information revealing that on Saturday, June 21, 1958, at 9:00 p.m. Ethel Weichbrod, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Mayland, planned to hold a function at her home which would feature Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell. Informant stated a motion picture of an interview Mrs. Morton Sobell had on television several months ago in New York City would be shown at this function.

On June 22, 1958, T-1 reported that approximately 30-40 individuals attended the above-described affair, that the people in attendance were interested in the film, and that \$254 was collected.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 23, 1955, advised that during February of 1955 William Shonick, known to informant as a Communist Party member, stated that Joseph and Ethel Weichbrod had admitted to him that they were current Communist Party members.

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The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Washington, D. C., where they visited Senators and Congressmen regarding a new trial for MORTON SOEELL. ROSE SOEELL said they were unsuccessful in their efforts to see some Congressmen, but did see others. She said they tried to speak with JOHN L. LEWIS, of the United Mine Workers, but could not do so. They did speak to two of LEWIS's attorneys and left some literature with them.

ROSE SORELL said she felt they had made progress and she believes that the public is beginning to feel that MORTON SORELL was "framed." She stated she thinks that the reprints of portions of the trial that have been distributed are swaying the public.

SARAH HAMMOND announced that ROSE SOHELL had been to Mexico and had talked with a former President of Mexico who agreed with ROSE SOHELL that MORTON SOHELL was kidnapped.

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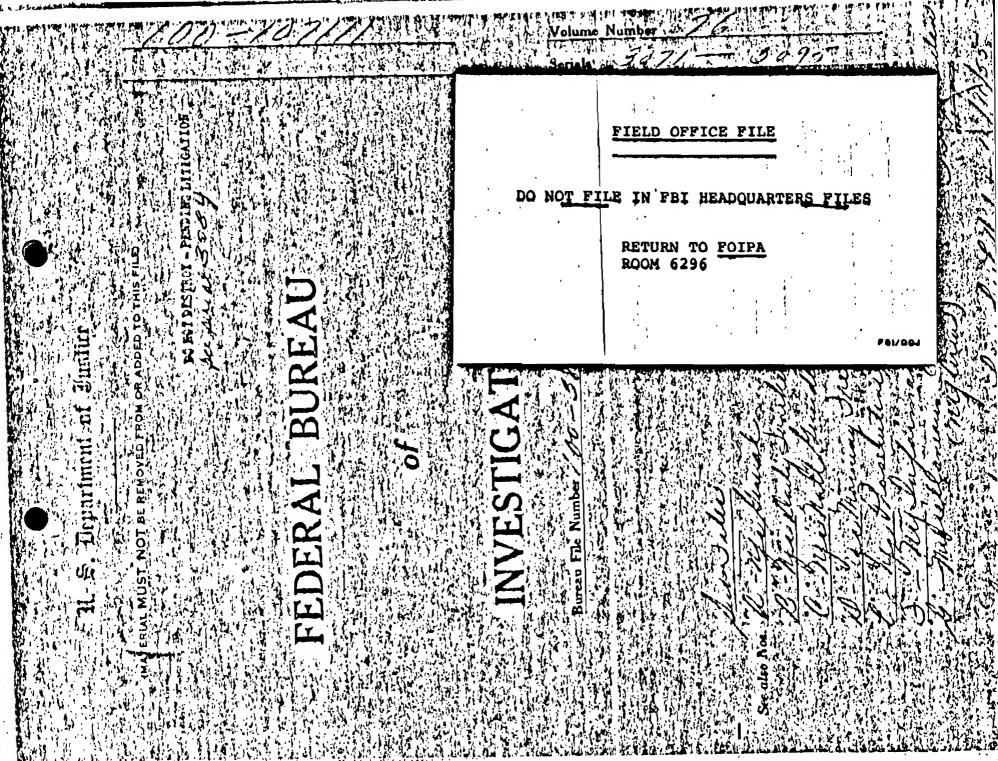
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DIRECTOR, PBI (100-387835)

6/26/58

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE POR MORTON SOBELL IS-C

Re MY letter dated 6/9/58 in captioned matter which advised that a report would be submitted to reach the Bureau by 6/27/58.

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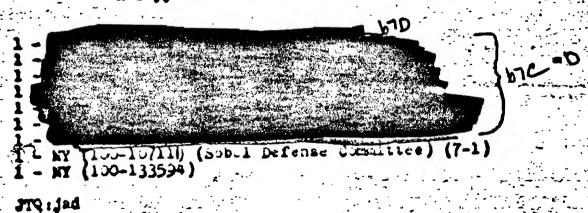
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A copy of informant's report follows:



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Sunday Evening Forum, Adelphi Hell, June 15, 1958.

The mosting began at 9:30. There were about 40 persons in attendance, half male and half female.

Barold Collins was the master of ceremonies and the two apeakers of the evening were, Dr. Amnette Rubenstein and a Mr. Trachtenberg. Trachtenberg spoke at great length about the need for a school building of "our own". It was plainly obvious that the audience became restless after swhile and finally, after a pause in his talk, they began clapping and Trachtenberg took the cue and stopped.

Dr. Annette Rubenstein spoke briefly on the success of her classes during the Spring term. She will teach again during the Summer term. Her talk was followed by general questions and comments from the audience.

The formal lecture ended at 11:00 PM. Coffee and cookies were served.



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some announcements regarding a party to be held Saturday,

June 21, at 601 W. 113 St. 9 PM, sponsored by the Sobell

Committee.

the schedule of Summer courses and hand the extra ones out to their friends and induce them to attend.

SAC, MEN YORK (100-133594) (7-1)

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Informant submitted a miseographed list of Susmer elesses and a notice of a gathering being held on Saturday, June 21, 1958. Both items have been destroyed.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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EVERING, JUNE 15, 1955.

The gathering was called for 8:30 but didn't get under way un-\$11 9:30. However at 8:30 there were about 40 people in attendance. Most of them were middle-aged people, evenly digided between male and female. There was one Negro male:



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Collins, who was master of ceremonies,

new classes of summer session, a list of which is also enclosed.

He spoke generally of the progress of the classes during the

winter and spring term. He introduced a Mr. Trachtenberg who

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fir. Annette Rubinstein spoke briefly on the success of her classes with your adults during the spring term. Dr. Rubinstein is teaching during the summer term. She disagreed with Trachtenberg

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as to the need for a building of their own, stating that teacherstudent relationships are far more important, regardless of where a class is being held. There were some general questions and comments from the sudience.

passing around a petition for Sobel's freedom.

On display for sale were the usual books, literature, and

The formal meeting broke up at about 11:00 P.M. at which time coffee and cookies were served. There were informal groups and discussions among the members.



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	_	The 6/7/58 issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page 11, Column 1.2, of the English Section contained an article which contains information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.										
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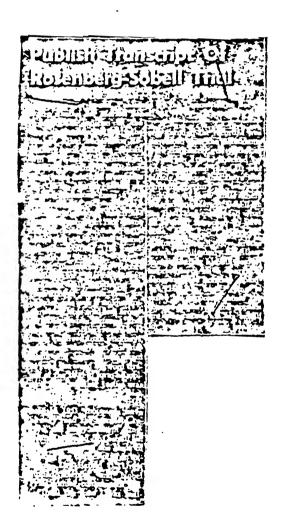
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15 June 1958

On Sunday 15 June the Sunday Evening Forum was devoted to an open house and book sale.

Numerous books and pamphlets from Mainstream publishers, International publishers, and published in Unit.

There were a put the persons present.

together and spoke about the past year's difficulties. He introduced Alexander Trachtenberg who spoke about the thirst for education in the USA, his publishing enterprise, the fine work of the old Jefferson School, the hope for a permanent building for this school, etc. He choed Collins in saying that there is a hunger for Harxism in New York. He also said that there were probably many people interested in the Communist Party in New York who did not know where to find out more about it.

After this Collins asked for advice from the audience on how to get better publicity for the achool and also how to attract more young people to the classes. Collins distributed 3 copies of the schedule of summer classes to all present, telling them to give the scheduler to their friends. One person suggested trying to attract union personnel, Dr. Annette Rubenstein said that she continued thought the level of students in her class last term to be rather high, and she looked forward to her coming class. She said that trying to place ads in the 'capellasi. She said that trying to place ads in the 'capellasis' nowspapers was probably too expensive, and suggested writing letters to them instead. She also said that she thought that it was not that important to get a permanent building.

After this coffee was served with cookies to those present. There was no admission for this meeting. One girl was circulating among those present trying to put cinnatures for a Morton Sotell petition.

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As of 12/16/57, address of San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) was: "MILT LESSNER, 4928 Vista Place, San Diego, California". Public meetings of SDSC were held 3/13/58 and 5/17/58 at Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) headquarters, 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, which featured EARL ROBINSON, folk singer, and GALE SONDERGAARD, actress, respectively. LESSNER identified as SDSC chairman. MIRIAM STARCEVIC, San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) chairman, as of 3/12/58, was chairman of a fund drive campaign to collect funds for the SDSC.

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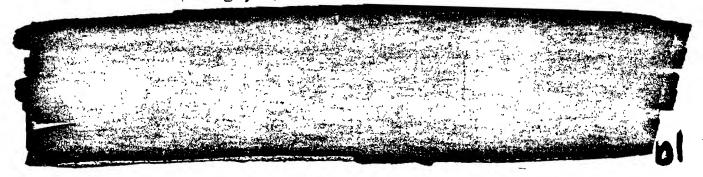
GENERAL ACTIVITIES

On December 28, 1957 T-1 advised that as of December 16, 1957 the following address for the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) was distributed by the National Office of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS), 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York:

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"Milt Lessner 4926 Vista Place San Diego, California"



T-3 advised on February 28, 1955 that ANNE KELLER at that time was known as ANNE BERENHOLTZ and was a member of the Communist Party (CP) as of approximately late 1953 and had been a CP member for approximately 18 years at that time. The information furnished by T-3 further indicated that part of her CP membership had been in the States of Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky.

T-4 on January 17, 1955 advised IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) from June 1943 to 1945 while attending New York University, New York City.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. He was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary.

The CP, CPA, and the AYD have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

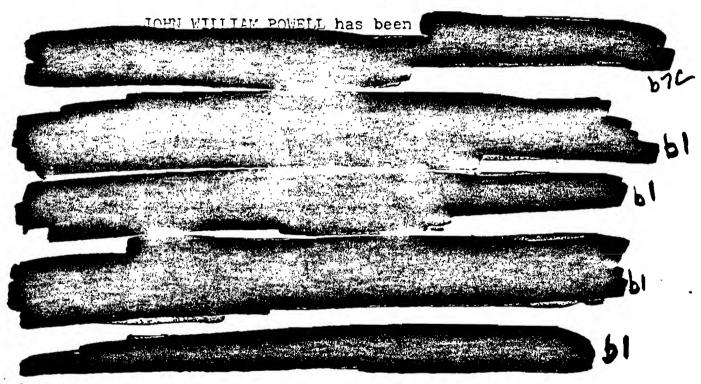
On January 6, 1958 T-5 made available a January 1958 Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) newsletter which contained the following announcement of a meeting of the SDSC on January 25, 1958 at 8 PM:

"Local representatives of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, (alleged to be a Dreyfus Case in bleak Alcatraz fortress) hope to present Mrs. Rose Sobell, mother of Morton, and Mark, the young son of Helen and Morton. We suggest that you

hear them and learn more about this historically important case."

CP admitted markor of the

as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C. as of February 1, 1944.



The "Los Angeles Times" newspaper issue of December 22, 1952, page 2, contained an item reflecting that on December 23, 1952 LOUIS F. BUDENZ testified before a Special House Committee at Washington, D. C., that EARL ROBINSON of Los Angeles, an entertainer, had been known to BUDENZ as a member of the CP.

advised that he had received through the mail on March 5, 1958 an announcement of an appearance of EARL ROBINSON, folk singer, under the auspices of the SDSC on March 13, 1958 at 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, headquarters of the Community Unitarian Fellowship of San Diego County (CUF). Also enclosed was an "Appeal to the

President" requesting a new trial or executive pardon for MORTON SOBELL which contained names of prominent individuals as previous signers.

On March 14, 1958 T-7 advised that a meeting of the SDSC was held on March 13, 1958 at CUF headquarters, 4561 North Avenue, San Diego. EARL ROBINSON, a Los Angeles folk singer, sang folk songs, including "Black and White" and "Atomic Blues", belittling the capitalistic system. MILTON LESSNER was chairman and ran the meeting. Approximately 50 persons were present. A total of \$156 was taken in, according to an announcement by LESSNER. HARRY C. STEINMETZ started the pitch by selling five tickets to a \$10 a plate dinner to be given in Los Angeles, California for the benefit of the LASC, in addition to the \$156 above.

HARRY STEINMETZ read the contents of a letter to the President requesting a new trial for SOBELL. Copies of this letter were distributed to persons present for their signatures. The letter was entitled, "Appeal to the President", and contained names of prominent individuals who had signed the letter previously.

T-8 advised on March 25, 1958 that as of that date MILTON LESSNER was Literature Director of the San Diego County CP (SDCCP).

The Supreme Court of the United States on April 23, 1956 refused to consider a California Supreme Court decision upholding dismissal of HARRY C. STEINMETZ from San Diego State College on February 5, 1954 under the California Luckel Act for refusal to answer questions on January 28, 1954 concerning CP membership.

On May 20, 1957 STEPHEN BRIDGE advised on interview that he was a member of the CUF and the SDSC.

On March 25, 1958 T-8 and T-9 advised they attended a meeting of the SDSC at 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, at which EARL ROBINSON entertained. About 75 people were present and \$158.11 was taken in from the collection. A petition asking for executive clemency for MORTON SOBELL was passed around for signature of those persons present. It was announced there would be a \$10 a plate dinner at the Embassy Hotel, Los

Angeles on March 23, 1958. Eive-people gave 310 each for this affair, which was to be held for the benefit of MORTON SOBELL. Date of the meeting was March 13, 1958.

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On March 15, 1958 T-6 advised that on March 13, 1958 a meeting of the SDSC was held at CUF headquarters, 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, at which EARL ROBINSON, a folk singer, provided the entertainment. An appeal to the President was circulated for signatures which requested a new trial or an executive pardon for MORTON SOBELL.

On March 24, 1958, T-10 advised check number 584 dated May 15, 1958 in the amount of \$113.11 payable to WIDGE NEWMAN was drawn on the Superior Fabrics Company, 4421 Park Boulevard, San Diego, and signed by MILTON LESSNER, sole owner. The endorsement contained the name: Los Angeles Sobell Committee, 462 North Western Avenue, Suite 3, Los Angeles 4, California. The check was paid at Security First National Bank, Western and Beverly Branch, Los Angeles.

The above information should be used only on issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

made available a folder greeting card type of announcement which he received through the mail May 9, 1958 announcing "AN EVENING OF THEATER auspices: The Sobell Committee." On the left side of the folder was a photo of actress GALE SONDERGAARD; on the right side "We are privileged to present GALE SONDERGAARD, Motion Picture Academy Award Winner in a Performance of Dramatic Climaxes from plays depicting 'Women'...Time, Saturday, May 17, 8 P.M.; Place, 4561 North Ave., San Diego.

On May 18, 1958 T-6 advised that on May 17, 1958 a meeting of the SDSC was held at 4561 North Avenue, San Diego at which actress GALE SOUDERGAARD cave dramatic readings.

MILTON LESSNER, chairman, sald that those present should not regard the "times" as liberal since the FBI and Immigration may be

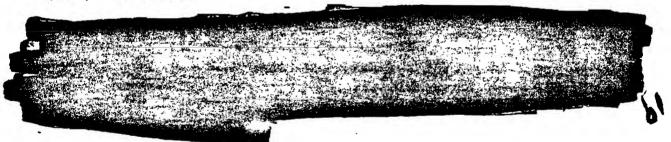
getting ready to crack down on their liberties again. He said the cold war was being intensified. Since only about 40 were present, LESSNER wanted to know why the meeting had not been announced by the CUF at their meeting on May 11, 1958. LAURA MINER was heard to state that she had sent out the invitations.

According to the annual report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) for 1952, GALE SONDERGAARD was identified as a Communist by three witnesses in sworn testimony before the Committee. One such witness was MARTIN BERKELEY, who testified before the Committee on September 19, 1951.

On March 21, 1951 GALE SONDERGAARD herself appeared under subpoena before the Committee, but refused to affirm or deny membership in the CP.

ANITA EDITH BELL SCHNEIDER testified before the HCUA at San Diego, California on July 5, 1955 that she was a CP member from October 1951 through December 1954 while furnishing information to the FBI. Previously, on September 12, 1951 SCHNEIDER had advised that LAURA MINER was engaged in Independent Progressive Party

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On December 28, 1957 T-1 made available a mailing address of the SDSC as of December 16, 1957, which was:

"Milt Lessner 4928 Vista Place San Diego, California"

On February 26, 1958 T-2 advised that as of that date MILTON LESSNER appeared to be the leader of the SDSC.

On March 14, 1958 T-7 advised that as of March 13, 1958 MILTON LESSNER was chairman of the SDSC.

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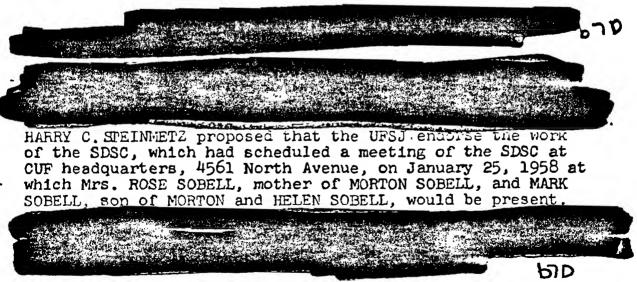
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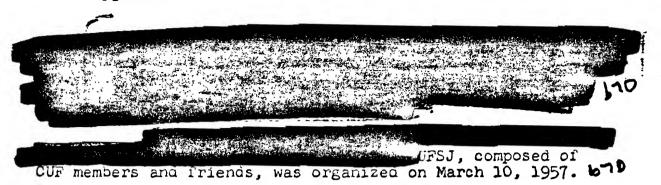
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CONNECTIONS WITH THE CUF

On January 6, 1958 T-5 made available the June 1958 CUF newsletter which contained an announcement of a meeting of the SDSC to be held at CUF headquarters, 4561 North Avenue, San Diego, on January 25, 1958.





On December 1, 1957, T-6 advised that the UFSJ was organized by HARRY C. STEINMETZ and MARTIN HALL for the purpose of presenting "controversial" speakers.

- MARTIN HALL heads the Communist front, Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council, (Los Angeles) - California Senate Investigating Committee on Education, 11th Report, 1953, Page 135.

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"* * when the Communists were expelled from the Samulary First Unitarian Church by the paston, PUTOR SAMSON, they set up a competitive organization, the Community Unitarian Fellowship. Thus was designed to operate as a unin-religious! from organization * * *. The Communist group was refused proposition both by the Sam Diego Unitarian Church and by the American Unitarian Association, the parent body of Unitarian churches in America."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, H. R. 1646, January 17, 1957, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 26.)

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APPENDIX

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY (IPP)

"among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination. One of the basic Communist fronts in a correlation under the banner of the Third Party Movement to elect HENRY WALLACE President of the United States."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, pages 41 and 62)

APPENDIX



LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

On May 22, 1956, a source advised the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) had as its purpose securing a new trial for MORTON SORELL and to eventually secure his complete release.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, March 29, 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

According to source, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee was from its inception dominated and controlled by the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) through the assignment of Communist Party members to work on the committees and to direct the activities of those committees.

Another confidential source on December 9, 1957 advised that as of that date the LASC was composed of the Los Angeles area chapter, the Long Beach chapter and the San Pedro chapter.

APPENDIX

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In Reply, Pleasofte in File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California

JUN 27 1958

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka., San Diego Sobell Committee, Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Russell P. Curtis, dated at San Diego, and captioned as above.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-9380)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka

Re report of SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS dated as above at San Diego, six copies of which are enclosed herewith together with six copies of a letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE

Report of SA MARTIN CARLSEN dated 12/23/57 at San Diego

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

One copy of the referenced report and one copy of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Los Angeles for information since re report reflects a close alliance between the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) and the SDSC.

By letter dated 12/23/57 leads were set out for San Diego to attempt to identify persons who were photographed entering or leaving the SDSC meeting on 8/14/57 who had not already been identified. Additional persons subsequently identified were ESTHER CARAWAY and EDWARD V. and ELEANOR ROPER. This information has not been included in re report.

MITZIE MURPHY, 935 Broadway, San Diego, has been identified as the daughter of ESTHER CHERNEY, 1415 Via Alta, Del Mar, California, concerning whom a report of SA EDWARD J. MILLER dated 10/31/52 captioned ESTHER CHERNEY, SM - C, was submitted to the Bureau.

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This office has no other information concerning MITZIE MURPHY.

EDWARD V. and ELEANOR ROPER were, as of 1/8/53 registered members of the IPP, according to records, San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

ESTHER PHYLLIS CARAWAY is an SI subject in the San Diego Office, Bureau file 100-346964. The other persons are not on the Security Index.

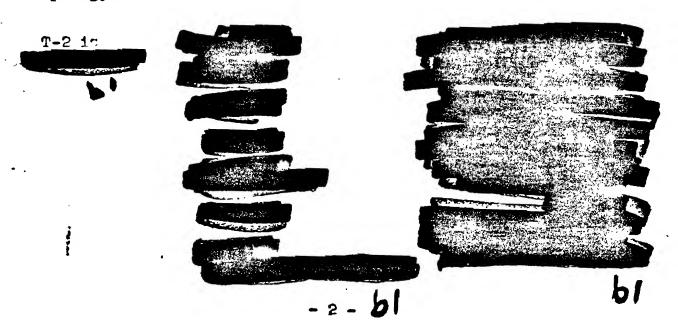
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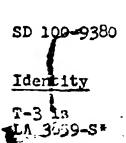
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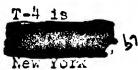






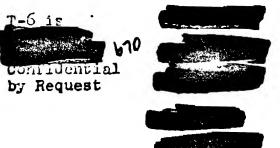
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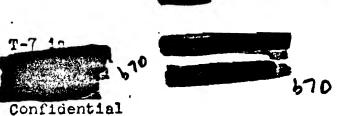


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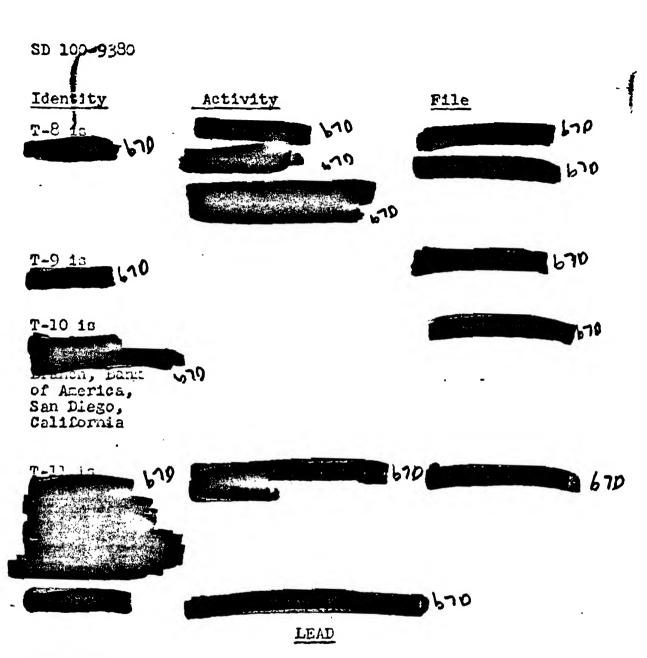








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SAN DIEGO

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the SDSC.

This report is classified "Confidential" since it contains information from T-2 and T-3 who are active security informants. The unauthorized disclosure of information provided by them might identify and jeopardize the informants and thereby adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

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SAC, NEW YORK

Att: SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, Sec. 7-1

FROM

SUPERVISOR JAMES J. HILL

SUBJECT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

professor WILLIAM KUNSTLER interviewed Professor MALCOIM P. SHARP of the University of Chicago Law School on "Counterpoint" over station WNEW (1130 km) at 9:35 PM this date. SHARP stated that there were many instances in the written testimony of the ROSENEERG trial that were suject to question. SHARP felt the hysteria of the times did much to bring about the death sentences. SHARP criticized the Federal law which permitted a defendant to testify against fellow defendants without sufficient copoborating evidence to support his point. Also SHARP felt that the defendent, namely GREENGLASS, should have been sentenced before his testimony was used, so that there wouldn't be any indication that he would receive a lighter sentence for aiding the prosecution.

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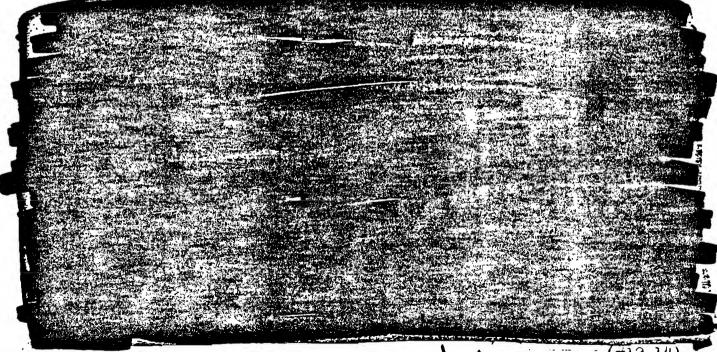
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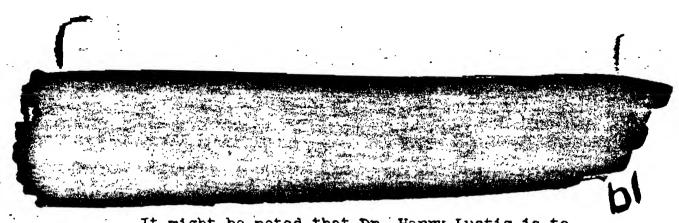
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T-1 advised 10/20/57, Miami Chapter of SOBELL Committee not holding meetings, but is collecting funds.

E. A. STANDER is person in Miami to be sent material and suggestions for SOBELL Committee. STANDER non-committal on work being done by Miami Beach group in SOBELL Committee.

Fla. Legislative Investigating Communist influence

Committee started investigating Communist influence in various organizations in Fla.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

ACTIVITIES OF MIAMI CHAPTER OF SOBELL COMMITTEE

On October 20, 1957, Miami Informant T-1 advised there is very little progressive activity going on at the present time in the Miami area except for the collection of money for the SOBELL Committee.

He said there has been no recent meetings of this organization.

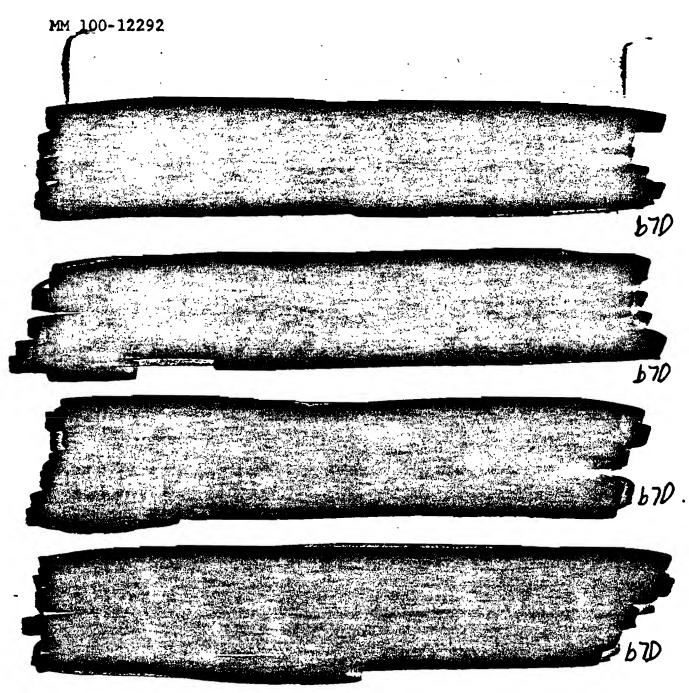
Informant stated that by progressive activity he means activity going on in Communist Party (CP) front organizations.



On April 20, 1957, Miami Informant T-2 advised HARRY SCHERMER was a CP member in Texas and was said to be an organizer for the CP.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

In September, 1947, Miami Informant T-3 stated that LEAH FELDMAN was a member of the Town Club #3, of the CP in Miami, Florida.



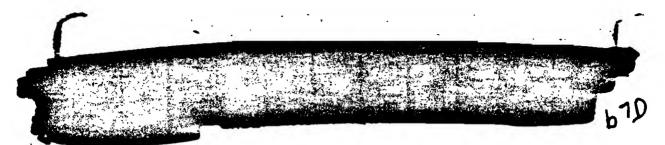
On December 28, 1957, Miami Informant T-4 advised among a group of names contained in a letter maintained by the

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Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was that off E. A. STANDER, 951 Jefferson Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. Informant said this list of names indicates the persons in various parts of the country who are members of various sectional units of the SOBELL Committee to whom the National Organization as well as other locals can send material and suggestions for the SOBELL Committee.

On December 10, 1957, T-1 advised LEAH FELDMAN continues to make collections for the SOBELL Committee in Miami. Esistative Investigating Committee, which committee was investigating Communist influence in various organizations in Florida. This investigating committee is headed by State

Sedator CHARLIE JOHNS.



On May 5 and 6, 1958, T-1 advised there has been no meetings of the Miami Chapter of the SOBELL Committee since February, 1956.



On May 28, 1958, T-1 advised the Miami Chapter of the SOBELL Committee has not been active for the past month or two.



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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Miami, Florida

MEMORANDUM:

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 30, 1950 that on June 23, 1958 a garden party reception, spensored by the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) honoring Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, University of Chicago nuclear scientist, was held at 4745 South Kimberk, Chicago, Illinois, the home of PHILIP BRAIL.

The necting, attended by approximately one harded persons, began as MALCOLM SHARP, a professor at the University of Chicago, spoke briefly of the legal aspects of the MORTON SCHALL case. SHARP concluded that SCHELL, who was convicted and sentenced to thirty years in prison in the JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG case, was, in his opinion, unjustly convicted.

HUDEN SOUTEL, wife of MORTON SOUTEL, presented a bouquet of flowers to Dr. URTY's wife and stated that she, TUTEN SOUTEL, plans to leave shortly for Merico to investigate mannets of the MORTON SOUTEL case.



as a scientist and humanitarian.

UPTY stated that in taking the scientific approach to the facts in the SOSELL case (URTY mentioned that be use not an attorney) he concluded that SOBELL had been unjustly convicted. URLY commended Mrs. SOBELL for her gallant efforts in her actions to secure her husband's freedom.



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HAVEH PERKING and DAVID SOLTKER, officers of the CSC, were present at the ferewell party for Dr. URLY but took no active part in the program.

HAROLD C. DRIT

HAROLD C. URBY is a noted nuclear scientist who has been the recipient of a Nobel prize.

PHILIP BRAIL



MALCOLN SHADE

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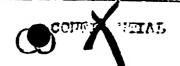
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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

A source advised on May 7, 1957, that the CCASF since its inception in Chicago in the 1940's has never failed to propagandize for Russia and the Russian way of life. This source further advised that the CCASF has been using speakers who were known to the source as members of the Communist Party since the first meetings in the 1940's. The source advised that the program of the CCASF has always included speakers, movies, and pamphlets praising every aspect of Russia including its foreign policy and has been extremely critical of the United States' domestic and foreign policies.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE

Cited as one of the local organizations active in the Communist propaganda campaign exploiting atomic spies BTHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p.72.).



LIGHTFOOT DEFENSE COMMITTEE (LDC)

On May 7, 1956, a source advised that the Lightfoot Defense Committee was formed in the fall of 1954 by the Communist Party (CP), for the purpose of publicizing the arrest of CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, USA, under the Smith Act of 1940, and to raise funds for his defense.

The Lightfoot Defense Committee continued to operate under the direction of the CP until March, 1956, at which time the CP broadened the scope of the organization and formed the Chicago Joint Defense Committee to Defeat the Smith Act (CJDC), thereby dissolving the Lightfoot Defense Committee.

A source advised on May 3, 1957, that the CJDC was formed by the CP in March, 1956. The majority of the current leadership of the CJDC are known to the source as current CP members.

Another source on May 15, 1957, furnished a "Memorandum: Annual Budget Estimate - Summary" on the letterhead of the CJDC dated May 13, 1957. In summarizing the past work of this committee, it was stated that its work included "carrying the Lightfoot case--first test of the Smith Act 'membership' provision--to the Supreme Court; assisting in defense of the rights of foreign born Americans; opposition to Congressional witchhunts; opposition to anti-labor laws; defense of civil rights; assistance to families of victims of political persecution."

The same letter listed the future work of the committee as including the "concentrating on helping develop an informational campaign on the Taft-Hartley 'conspiracy case,' on current civil rights struggles;" and work on some key issues in the Illinois Assembly including "FEP, anti-labor bills, etc." and in addition, the continuation of work on current Smith Act cases.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents".

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

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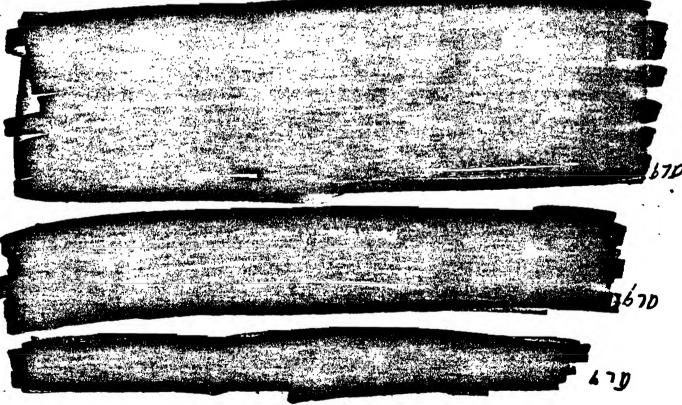
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They sold paper slips for 50¢ each which could be exchanged for drinks. They must have made several hundred dollars selling liquor.

Politics was not discussed nor was the Sobell case. except possibly in isolated instances. Everyone seemed to be there strictly for a good time. No literature was sold.



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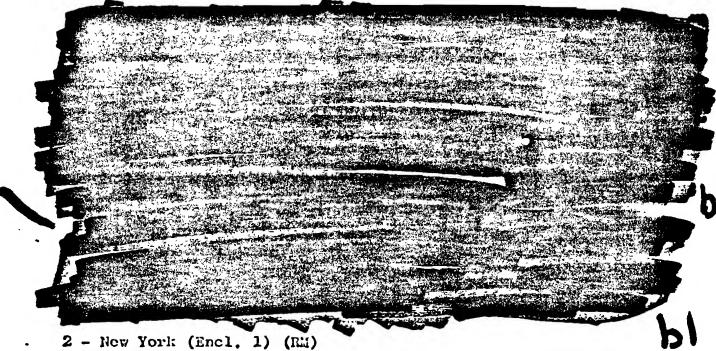
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Enclosed for the New York Office is a transcript of the public radio interview of Mrs. ROSE SOBELL and SARAH HALMOND in the early morning of 6/19/58 by STEVE ALLISON, Radio Station, WWDC, Washington, D. C. This interview was recorded by WFO and the tape was transcribed by FA MASON B. NOAH.

A summary of this interview was furnished to the Bureau and New York by airtel dated 6/19/58 enclosing letterhead memo.



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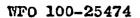
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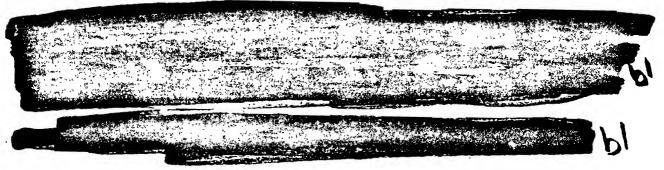
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The fellowing is a transcription of the STEVE ALLISON broadcast, 6/17/58. Interview with Mrs. ROSE SOFEL, who was accompanied by one SARAN MANUSCO (ph).

(It should be noted that the introduction was not from monitored; and several parts of transciption are insudible)

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---- to commit espionage.

ALLISON:

I was right then wasn't I?

ANTO MOMUN

Yes you were

ALLISON:

How, what did that mean, see I am not fond of conspiracy charges because

it has to do with intent and how can you figure out a fellow's intent?

HITOWAN :

It can cover a multitude of sins, but it's a very loose charge actually-

ALLISON: I had a very interesting call from a lawyer bafore who agreed with me;

however, he said with juries and everything else---and them I said I agreed with that too, but in the area and climate of hysteria, conspiracy is a

HADRON NO UNID WOMAN:

That is correct

rather vague charge.

ALLISON:

Were you at the trial Mrs. SORELR?

Hrs. SCHELL We I wagn't, but I have read the complete verbaitum trial record twice

and I've reed it very carefully.

ALLISON: And How long a trial was it?

Mrs. SOMELL Uh -- it lasted approximately a menth, it started in March and the

sentencing occurred at the Beginning of April.

ALLISON: -- How long was the pury out?

Mrs. SOEELL Uh --- that I'mmet sure; ROSE de you knew?

ROSE SOBELL I am net quite sure about it (partially insudible). I think it was less

then a day, but I am not sure. I can check on that though and det gon

ber.

ALLISON TO was flust wendering---

ROSE SCHELL Yes; I am not quite sure of that.

BLLISON: ROSE do you think the judge was fair in his charge to the jury?

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ROSE SCHELL (insudible answer)

ALLISON: -- Were you at the trial?

ROSE SOBELL I was not permitted to be at the trial because I was listed as one of the

Government's witnesses, therefore I was not permitted to be at the trial.

ALLISON: Oh! You were a Government witness?

RUSE SOBELL That's right

ALLISON: What did they ask you?

ROSE SOURCE. They did not call on me, but I was listed as one—ch, my son's father,

his great-father and I; we were both mitnesses listed as Government

witnesses, therefore we could not come to sit at the trial.

ALLISON: Un-uh; were you at the trial, do you think the judges charge was fair?

GOSE SOMELL Well-well new---at a stage where we would like to appeal to the people to try to do as I am deing tonight as the mother of MORTON SOMEL-there are many people that are mis-informed and there are many people that do not know anything about my son. My son was the sole defendant in the ROSENEERS, --- the GOID Trial, and he was sentenced to thirty years. He was on, his name was added to the ROSENEERS's and he carried all the implications although my son at the trial and at the finish of the trial when the judge instructed the jury--had said, but-uh---HORTON SOMELIAN

-- was not implicated in any part of the Atonic Espionage, and therefore --- if you do not believe this one witness, MAX RIJICHER (ph),

who was the only mitness against my son, the judge instructed the jury

wh-if you do not believe MAX ELITCHER (ph), you must therefore free .

MORTON SOMEL, and, I would now like to acquaint the People with menathing

in regard to my son's case----

well you'll have to hold just a minute Mrs. SOFEL, because we make for I minutes news and will be right back. We have plenty of time. I asked the question folks because I read a little bit of the charge and Mrs. SOFEL gave a little bit of it too; seemed quite fair, he really put it on the

ALIISONi (cont.) line to the jury, that they believed this man or they didn't believe the man. Most judges, in their charges to the jury, are very, very fair.

alfight, we'll held right here for five minutes of asse and be right bed Hammond with Mrs. ROSE SOBEL and Mrs. SAPAF MAMELL(ph).

Break for News

ALLISON:

Our guest, Mrs. ROSE SCHILL, who is the mother of , and a heartbroken mother, of a man who was convicted of a pretty wague crime. How I think ladies and gentlemen who should like to know, that we have a boy mamed BILL MARSHALL (ph), who works with us, and I myself and DIEK MARVELL (ph), our producer, did a lot of research on this thing when we decided to invite Mrs. SCHELL to our microphene and BILL and I had a little meeting about this and we couldn't find, —frankly I was looking for the other side against this man so that I couldn ask baited questions, because this is the kind of program it is; that's why SARAH doesn't know why she's here, but that's one of the reseers I wouldn't ask baited questions of a heartbroken mether———I know what they are.

Rose somela-

ALLISON

But I would ask SARAR some, but frankly I cant find the termany; of a few, but first I think it would bee only fair right to allow Mrs. ROSE SOBELL to speak her piece, she & a heavy heart and I think its only fair in a free country to let everybedy who wants to; Mrs. SOMEL wants to, therefore before we do, I want to-

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ALLISCH: Alright Mrs. SOBEL you go ahead, we want intersupt.

I am used to baited question

ROSE 505 LL Thank you wory much Mr. ALLESON. I have come to Washington as I have

gene to allthe cities in our country, as well as in Europe and in

Hexico. I am pleading, asking all the people to come forth to heap my son's freedem. I am asking to have my son freed. I am asking the prople to please, to intercode for my son with the President, we at the present

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ROSE SOMEIA-

have an appeal to the President, which asks President RINZNHO parden or to give my see er trial, and I have visted many other bountries, we have seen many outstanding people who are supporting to we have hundreds of thousands of people now that have come support of our cause. Hy son has maximal been eight years in fall, Tive and one half of which he has spent in Alcatrax. My sen has been a young scientist, a very outstanding student, a fine citizen, a very good fabber and a wenderful sen. We has never had any charges, not even a traffic foret violation, on his name. So I---- I am coming to you to please help me free my sen from this terraible mistake, this terrable, herrible mistake that has fallen upon our family. His wife and his two children. myself, are asking you and pleading you to intercede on behalf of my sen, to write letters to the President, to ask him to grant my so parden, commute his sentance or let him have a new trial. We have the support of many outstanding people. I have a friend with me, a mast wenderful wemen, a scientist, who are of convictions out of studying 🖫 the case, have come forth, given up her time and her memoy in helping us free my sen.

ALLISON:

Alright; now lets get ever to you for a few questions SARAH; this is a

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COMMITTEE ion't it? (SARAH HAMELL?)

SARAH H.

Tes, I represent the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SCHED, which is located in New York City at 940 Breadway.

ATTTONE.

When de you get funds for this?

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Are going up to Philadelphia where s house party is being held, and
Mrs. SOUL will speak and ask the people at the party to help her sen,
by writing to the President and she will also ask them to contribute
money to our committee, so that we can disseminate this sort of
information that you are helding in your hands widely throughout the

"Oh, through very hard work; for instance, on Priday, Mrs. SORETLand I

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SAPAN M.:

triel record of the ROSENWERG - SOMEL case and we have been putting that trial record in the hands of scientists, lawyers, clergym ever the country and we've asked people if they will contribute the dellars to put the trial record in the hands of these imminent propile Americans and pupple have been most generous; most people who contribute cantt afford to give much; but the numbers do help and this is senething as Mrs. SOBEL has pointed out. I have given not only my time on this case but also my mency because I am soley convinced that her son is innecent and that a perrible injustice has been dema and that if is not corrected, I too could become a victim of such a thing. Alright; new this charge ladies and gentlemen, having conspired with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and several other people, between 6/6/14 and 6/15/50, while the United States was at war, did deliver to the Seviet Union, certain decuments, sketches and information, related to the National Defense of the United States, with intent and reason to believe that it would be used to the advantage of the Seviet Union. There was no charge that this might be harmful to the United States because that isn't the point. New: di you get ROSEREERG at the trial 33

country. We have recently reprinted for the third time, the complete

SARAF X.

ALLISON:

JULIUS and ETKER ROSENBERG were tried, were convicted and sentenced to death despite thier plea of innecessor.

ALLISON:

As a matter of fact, today in the fifth anniversary of their procution.

ALLISON

alright, this I knew, but I mean at the trial of MORTON SOREL.

these people there?

HUNGILLE

Oh yes, all of these people were tried together, as a matter of fact, in one of the circuit court of appeals decisions on the case, there was a 2 to 1 decision turning down the appeal for a new trial, but the dissenting judge, Judge FRANK, made a very clear point of the fact that if SORFIL had been tried - - that SOBEL should have been tried separately because of the hysteria surrounding the charge against the ROSENBERG's having to do with the Atomic bomb, tainted SOBEL's trial and the interesting thing is, that when Judge KAUFHAN(ph) sentenced SOBEL to 30 years in prison, he said to him, there is nothing in the testimony which links you to the conspiracy to steal the Atom bomb, and this is the point that Judge FRANK is making, that if his trial had been held separately there may have been a different outcome - -

ALLISON:

I wonder why he gave him such a stiff sentence, with such a statement before --

HANDSHL

I wonder too - -

ALLISON:

This was the maximum sentance?

HANNELL.

Yes it was, outside of death of course - -

ALLISON:

Of course.

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DR. HAROLD C. UREY(ph), the Nobel Prize winner from the University of Chicago, read the trial record and when he was finished he said, "frankly I don't know what SOBELL was supposed to have done." And I frankly I must agree with him, I don't know what SOBELL was supposed to have done either.

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ALLISON:

Well, we have it here. The Government filed a bill of particular charging him with having joining the conspiracy on or about June 15, 19hh, with five overt acts consisting of conversations with JULIUS ROSEONRG between January 19h6 and May 19h8. Now, was this brought cut at the trial, did he have conversations with these people?

Well, that's the interesting part about it MR. ALLISON, these were the only overt acts charged to SOBEL in the indictment, not yet once in the trial were they mentioned. Now it seem to me if this is what the man was charged with there should be some discussion of it and yet there wasn't.

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ALLISON:

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Who were the Government witnesses?

Well, we had this man MAX ELITCHER(ph) about whom Judge KAUFMAN(ph) said if you don't believe MAX ELITCHER(ph), you must find Schell innocent. MAX ELITCHER(ph) was SCHEL's best friend. He admitted on the witness stand that he was a perjurer. He had been a Government employee and like all Government employee's, had signed a non-Communist cath, when in fact, he was a member of Communist Party. There was a five year prison sentence hanging over his had as the result of this perjury and he admitted on the witness stand not only that he committed the perjury but that he lived in fear of being punished for it. So you have a man who says he is afraid of being punished for perjury — testifying against his best friend and then when the trial is all over, you never hear of his being charged for perjury or indicted for perjury or convicted.

AILISON:

Was the fact brought out that SOBELL might have been a communist?

Of course the trial was tainted with these charges. The prosecution said that these people did this because they were communist and they did it for love of Russia, etc., but there was no actual proof of this or of this question of whether they were indeed communist and that wasn't the charge of course. The charge was conspiracy to commit Espionage.

Well, did they have to prove that SOBELL was a communist before they could get the rest of the overt act charge in?

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ALLISON:

Well, I don't know think they would have to prove that, because one doesn't necessarily lead to the other - - I mean - - a person could be a communist but that doesn't mean that he is a spy.

ALLISON:

Right. The whole thing was his connection with ROSENBERG and ELITCHER(ph) testified something about joining the Communist Party at the suggestion of MORTON SOBELL, but that doesn't seem to have anything to do with the case either. It seems to me the Governments job was to prove conspiracy between SOBELL and ROSENBERG. You and you say this was never brought out?.

HAMARLIE -

The five conversations which were charged in the indictment were never mentioned and the only testimony was ELITCHER's(ph) and he claims that SOBEL had asked him for some fire control material —— some papers on fire centrol which has nothing to do with fighting fires by the way.

It's something to do with firing things —— and that SOBELthad asked him if he could locate some progressive engineer's for whom he could get job(s) and who would act as spies for him. This was ELITCHER's(ph) charge and SOBELthas denied all of this and he pleaded innocent to the charge.

ALLISUN:

ROSE SOBEL

I don't quite follow this whole thing. Well, MRS. SOREL, in July of fifty, your son went to Mexico - - he used different names, can you give us a little insight on that, why did he do that? My son, his wife and 2 children, a baby of 1 year old, had bought tickets at an airplane office in their own names, had flown to Mexico City, rented an apartment in their own name and lived there very securely; however, when he had come to Mexico City, he read the newspapers of our country and he read of - - that his firend, former friend, JULIUS ROSHMBERU, was arrested and perhaps the younger people don't remember but I do and many older people remember the hysteria and the fear of 1950 MC CARTHY era had brought upon us and my son did get panicky for a while and the thing, that when one is panicky, he acts somewhat irrationally and my son had thought that he might escape all this torrible MC CARTHYISM and he had gone to a couple of shipx lines asking them for passage to other countries and he used different names, but immediately after that, when he came home, and he consulted - - - - and they talked over, he and his wife, and they decided they would come back to our country, whereupon they immediately went to a doctor, took their injections and were ready to come back to New York City when they - - - my son was taken by force from Mexico City and brought to Laredo(ph) and arrested there, under no charges at all. He was waived immunity at Laredo (ph) and was immediately transferred to New York City and it was two months that no charges were placed for him at all. Our lawyers had asked - - well if you have the man in jail, what are you charging him with? And after which his name was placed at the same list with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG'S

ROSE SOBELL

ALLISON:

and he was charged with five overt acts, five conversations with

JULIUS ROSENBERG, that he had five different dates. Those were

the five charges that were placed against him.at the time.

In other words you must be very careful to whom you speak, in ten

years or so this fellow might be a communist or a fascist or something

like that; is that what it was? Well, in these conversations, was it

brought out that he said something to ROSENBERG which might be called

ROSE SOBELL

traitorous?

Nothing at all: nothing, nothing was mentioned at all, it was conversation one and conversation two and conversation three and four and five.

There was nothing brought out at all. If only had something - - - the exact charge read on such and such a date MORTON SOBEL had a conversation with JULIUS ROSENBERG in the Southern District of New York; the second charge said on such and such a date MORTON SOBEL had a conversation with JULIUS ROSENBERG in the Southern District of New York; each one of the charges had the same wording with the exception of the difference in dates and there was nothing about the nature of the con-

MEAN H.

ALLISON:

Yeah - - this is what you call guilt by association.

a mice day out, inn't it."

BUCK- POWER !

Yes - - and it's that sort of thing that I think -----

ALLISON:

However, MR. ELITCHER(ph) testified that while with MR. SOBEL, he he saw SOBEL deliver a 35 millimeter notion picture can(?) to ROSENEERG.

versations, in other words, they could have said to each other, "it's

H HARRES

Well - - that was one of the wierdest stories in the trial and we sometimes refer to it as the wild midnight ride of CATHERINE SWIFT(ph). SARAH H.

The stc Chat Mr. ELITCHER tells i the drove from Wash. D.C. to New York City: and that during the drive he noticed that he was being followed; that he want to SOBEL's house. Now mind you, SOBELLis pictured as a Master Spy. He went to SOBEL's house and said, "MORTIE" I've been followed here. " Whereupon SOBEL jumped up and said that he must go immediately to JULIUS. "I have to give him something." And here was ELITCHER, who had driven from Washington, D.C. to New York City and SOBELL said that he was tired and he wanted ELITCHER to do the driving, and this is ELITCHER I am quoting mind you. and er--that they then got in the car and ELITCHER drove SOBELL to the vicinity of Knickerbocker Village, where JULIUS ROSENBERG lived, the exact street was Catherine Slip (?) in New York, and that he waited in the car and SOBEL got out, taking with him the .35 mm film can. Er---he waited while SOBELLwent, and when SOBELLcame back, he said to er---SOBEL_"did you tell JULIE about my being followed?". and SOBEL reported JULIE said. "there is nothing to worry about, he spoke to ELIZABETH BENTLY on the phone and he's sure ELIZABETH BENTLY did not recognize his voice. " Now this is a very interesting thing because this introduces in the trial ELIZABETH BENTLY, who hither to had not been introduced into the trial. ELIZABEEE BENTLY was put on the stand. She said she did not know the ROSENBERG's; she did not know SOBEU; she'd never heard of him; she'd never seen them. Well what was she doing at the trial? She testiffed as an expert on Communism---see. She said all

SARAH H. (cont.)

of being communists, therefore they were spies. And---well everybody knows the history of ELIZABETH BENTLW, I think, and she has been doing this professionally for years now, add in this way she was introduced into the trial and admitted on the stand that she had no connections with these people at all.

ALLISON:

Now let me see---er---it seems to me, and I am no lawyer,
I know enough about law to know that you are not supposed
to bring anything into a trial that does not concern a
trial; and the fact that SOBELL might or might not have been
a communist did not concern the trial. Didn't your lawyer
object to all these harps shout communism?

SARAH H.: Practically every word, every other word, in the trial was . "Your Honor, I object."

ALLISON: Overruled?

SARAH H.: The objections were overruled ont the grounds that Judge

KAUFMAN asserted that the, er---the prosecutors were trying to prove motives. In other words, the statement was made in the summary up by the presention prosecutor, IRVING SAYPOL, that theses people did what they did------

ALLISON: Some of you folks might wonder why this never got to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court did not want to take it,

I understand, because of the fact that a jury has already ruled and they didn't want to-----

SARAH H.: That is not correct.

ALLISON: Oh excuse me.

SARAH H.: I am 'sorry; the Supreme Court has several times refused our request for "certiorari" and heey had not given an

SARAH H.: (cont.)

opinion Cit. It would be incorrect say they did not want to because the jury reled.

ALLISON:

Alright. Now---er---I am, I---I---I don't know---I must be wrong here. Again I say I am no lawyer. That was what II was always taught to know---that you musan't bringa anything into a trial that does not concern the trial. However, the circuit court said that---er---no reversible error has been committed. Er---I know that a judge is supposed to say to a jury and no doubt Judge KAUFMAN did say to the jury, the fact that Mr. SOBEL did not get on the stand has nothing to do with it. But don't you think it was a mistake not putting him on?

SARAH H.:

Yes, I dow believe that—er—Mr. SOBEL agreed that it was a mistake——and he feels terrible that he wash never put on the stand to defend himself. But——let us look at this, his lawyer sat with him through the trial and asf far as he could see there was no evidence against SOBEL; and he said, "I am not going to put you on the stand because there is no evidence against you and you'll be let off." It's very interesting. I was speaking to a lawyer in Albany about the case, and he daid to me, "well, that"s very common practice in criminal cases, not to put your client on the stand if there is obvious no evidence against him." Eut said he to me, and this was a good four or five years after the trial, "he should have known this was not an ordinary criminal case, but a pairtext political case."

ALLISON:

I was gring to say that --- I was going to say that--convince the jury that he was innocent. You know you can
arg---as I talked to that lawyer who called and gave us a

ALLISON: (cont.)

few good ints on this; I said you I both know it's supposed to be that way. However, the man----

(Technical difficulties encountered during monitering at this point) (Monitering continued as ROSE SOBELL is giving following statement)

ROSE SOBEL; in person to person. Thereafter in Alcatraz that could not have been done, and he is well, and we have great hopes that the American people are wonderful people---that, when they know the truth, therexwim they will come forth and help my son become free. He is very hopeful, we have so many wonderful people supporting us, and er---and we're trying to get all the help we can. I---my life is devoted---and er---I hope that I shall live long enough to see my son free.

ALLISON: How old are you Mrs. SOBEL?

ROSE SOBEL: I am sixty four (64) years---I am going to be on July--er---30th, and I hope that I will live to see my son come
home and be happy with the wife and children.

ALLISON: Alright; now SABAH, if anybody else *keeer there wants to write to you, pro or con, I think it would be nice if you gave your address, where you can be reached.

SARAH H. Surely, we'd welcome your questions, and we'd be very glad to provide you with information on the case. The committee's address is: Committee to Secure Justice for MORTONE SOBELL, Room "D", 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.

ALLISON: Alright; there you have it ladies and gentlemen. If uou'd like to write to these people and offer heap or missex offer criticism, tell em you dont believe that them or anything else, they'd be glad to hear from you, and that in keeping with our open microphone. I feel everybody should be heard, and I am sure that all--- [(technical difficulties: long

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ALLISON: (cont.)

break)—specially with some of the Surrams Supreme
Court decisions that have released so many ps of these
people on very much the samet thing, that thier cases
were not tried on merit, but on the fact that they might
have been communists.

SERAH H.:

That is very true, and we feel confident too, that with the more sober atmosphere prevailing in our country today---er---that we will soon win a new trial for Mr. SOBELL, and we are very encouraged by the many scientists and clergymen who have added their names to the appeal to the President. Ah---it is really a wonderful thing, and I know that working on this case has increased my faith in the American people.

ALLISON:

We've got to leave now, good night.

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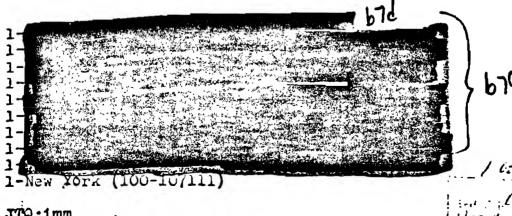
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On Saturday evening 21 June a party sponsored by the "Free Morton Sobell" Committee was given in Apartment 4H at 601 West 113th Street in Manhattan. Admission was \$1. The apartment consisted of $3\frac{1}{2}$ rooms. One woman sitting a few feet in from the door collected the donations. Tickets for alcoholic beverages were sold for 50ϕ each. There was no charge for other refreshments.

There were about 35 persons present during the evening, including about 15 nerro males and one nearo female.



The party was fairly uneventful with dancing going on to phonograph records. At one point, Anita introduced a recitation by Honey saying that it had been 5 years since the death of the Rosenbergs. Honey recited 3 poems, one by Langston Hughes called Let America be America and two others which dealt with injustice suffered by negroes.



There was a Free Morton Sobell petition in the wall in the hallway.



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The National Headquarters of the CSJMS maintains offices at Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC. The officers of record are HELEN L. SOBELL, President, and JENNIE RATNER, Secretary-Treasurer. Daily functioning of the committee is under the direction of TED JACOBS, LEAH SCHNEIDER and SARAH HAMMOND in NY, HAVEN PERKINS in the Midwest and WIDGE NEWMAN on the West Coast, according to informants. Purpose of committee is to free MORTON SOBELL from prison and/or to secure a new trial as a result of a petition to the President of the US.

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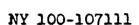
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DETAILS:

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist' campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, 'the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference In Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, ' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"



The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell will be referred to by the initials NCSJMS and CSJMS in this report. The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and the Sobell Committee will be referred to hereinafter by the initials RSC and SC.

A. Aims and Objectives of the CSJMS

T-1 made available on December 20, 1957, a form letter on the stationery of the CSJMS entitled, "One Million for Morton Sobell - A Report of the National Sobell Conference to Plan Next Steps - New York City, November 30, December 1" which is summarized as follows:

"On November 30 and December 1 delegates representing the many thousands of Americans who are fighting the Sobell case with devotion and determination met at a National Conference to plan the next steps. This meeting represented a turning point in the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

"On the one hand, despite strong new evidence never refuted by the prosecution, the U.S. Supreme Court had just refused to review Morton Sobell's appeals. The Court's decision came in an atmosphere of new hysteria fanned by the Justice Department through such methods as the special report on the case in Look Magazine, the fantastic and unscrupulous attack on Helen Sobell in the Abel trial, and the attempt by a former prosecutor in the trial to blame the Russian Sputniks on the Rosenbergs.

"On the other hand, history was crumbling the myth that dominated the Rosenberg-Sobell trial--the myth that the 'secret' of the atom bomb was stolen from our country. Important newspapers were writing editorials questioning the credibility of the prosecution witnesses.

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"New support was being voiced for Morton Sobell's freedom or a new trial. Never before had the opportunities been so great for bringing the truth of this case to the American people, and demonstrating how vital this fight is to civil liberties, our democracy, our morality.

"In this perspective, the delegates to the conference faced two roads. One was to continue making progress in the case, but at a pace that might mean a campaign of five, ten or 15 more years while Morton Sobell languishes in Alcatraz. The alternative was to work on a hitherto unprecedented scale that would arouse the moral conscience of our country and create a campaign of such a character and intensity that would build and build until justice would have to be given to Sobell.



"As the conference developed, it became clear which path would be chosen. All of the delegates reported rapid gains in their respective areas, and the re-affirmation of support when the court decision became known. Delegates were present from such key cities as San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Cleveland, Syracuse and New York. Everywhere the story was the same--the determination and readiness to embark upon a campaign the like of which has not yet been seen on the Rosenberg-Sobell case, with all that has gone before but a prelude to the tremendous scale on which the work would now be carried on.

"It was estimated at the conference that we have already reached millions with the facts. It was decided that a great national effort would be made to secure action by One Million Americans for Morton Sobell, and in the process of this work reach millions more and raise the case to the level that must be reached for Sobell's freedom.

The program through which we are launching this drive follows. We ask that everyone in your city interested in the Sobell case schedule a meeting as quickly as possible to thoroughly discuss the program and plan for participation in your area. It will only be by the mustering of every person pledged to winning justice in this case that we will be able to succeed. We ask, too, that you take the information about our conference, and about our plans, to the major organizations in your area so that you can also enlist their aid.

"Through our unprecedented effort, we can and will achieve Morton Sobell's freedom.

"PROGRAM

"1. A national campaign shall be undertaken to secure action on behalf of Morton Sobell by One Million Americans.

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- "2. A great petition campaign is to be undertaken for the freeing of Morton Sobell by executive action.
- "3. The National Sobell Committee and Committees throughout the country will urge prominent individuals, organizations, and newspapers to conduct public inquiries into the facts on the case.
- "4. An intensified program of legal research and investigation will be undertaken. Efforts to prevail upon the courts to grant a new trial will be pressed.
- "5. Efforts shall be made to win Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz.

"IMPLEMENTATION

"Petitions for Executive Action --

"The circulation of petitions on a huge scale throughout the country will be a focal point for our effort to secure action by a million people......

"Launching the Petition Drive--

"The sub-committee has drawn up a national schedule for the petition campaign. Our first target date is being proposed for the month of April........

"Literature--

"The Conference stressed the need for printed material that would meet the needs and potentialities of the day......

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"Public Inquiry--

"The widespread public interest in the case, the new evidence, the doubts that have been raised, and the report by the Justice Department that appeared in Look Magazine obviously call for objective inquiries into the facts by interested citizens......

"Legal Research and Investigation --

"Funds were designated in the budget for the carrying out of legal research and investigation to uncover new evidence for further court action......

"Budget --

"The Conference voted to raise a minimum national budget of \$100,000 for 1958. It was stressed that this was to be considered only the barest kind of minimum budget for the work that must be done, and does not include funds for such special projects such as TV broadcasts, newspaper ads etc.....

"Staff--

"The Conference recognized the inadequacy of the present staff to meet the task that has been decided upon. Suggestions were made that the appropriate additions be made. Suggestions will be appreciated if you know of competent persons who are available. It has been suggested that there be a Sobell representative in Washington to keep the case before members of the Senate and Congress and to take up the Sobell appeal with the major national organizations whose headquarters are in Washington. The need for a national fundraiser was cited, as well as someone who could travel throughout the country."

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B. Headquarters and Affiliates of the CSJMS

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made available on the printed newspaper type throwaway, dated February, 1956, entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done - published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", which lists the following adjunct committees:

National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Schell 940 Broadway New York City Phone: AL 4-9983

Los Angeles Sobell Committee 462 North Western Avenue Los Angeles, California Phone: Hollywood 4-4725

Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees 345 Franklin San Francisco, California Phone: UN 1-1334

Chicago Sobell Committee 20 West Jackson Chicago, Illinois Phone: Webster 9-5992

Syracuse Sobell Committee 1009 Cumberland Avenue Syracuse, New York Phone: 722406

St. Louis Sobell Committee 3715 La Sulle Street St. Louis, Missouri Phone: Prospect 1-8540 rma/aeo

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Minnesota Sobell Committee 715 South Lexington Farkway St. Paul, Minnesota Phone: Midway 8-3340

Milwaukee Sobell Committee 914 North Plankinton Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin Phone: BR 2-1130

C. National Organization

T-2 advised on May 27, 1958, that the president of the "Sobell Committee" was at that time HELEN L. SCRELL, President, and that JENNIE RATNER was Secretary-Treasurer.

It is to be pointed out that information received from T-2 cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-l advised on October 11, 1957, that a meeting of the city-wide Sobell Committee, held during early October, 1957, reflected that the following individuals who were active in the city-wide Sobell Committee were the active and dominant members of the Headquarters Staff of the CSJMS:

- 1. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL
- 2. TED JACOBS, Publicity Director
- 3. LEAH SCHNEIDER, Office Manager
- 4. SARAH HAMMOND, Organizer



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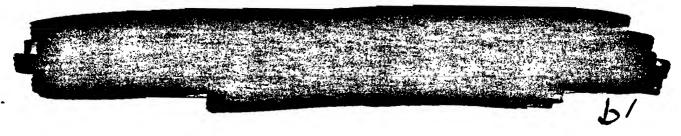
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T-3 advised on October 28, 1957, that HAVEN PERKINS continued to serve as Midwest Organizer and Representative of the CSJMS.

T-3 advised on December 2, 1957, that a meeting of the NCSJMS was held at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City on November 30 and December 1, 1957, and that approximately 30 delegates attended the conference at which TED JACOBS presided. T-3 advised that the national policy for all affiliates of the committee was decided and called for:

- 1. A Commission of Inquiry to investigate the scientific aspects of the case and to inquire about the conduct of the Department of Justice in handling the case;
- 2. An inquiry into possible Civil Rights victations;
- 3. A campaign to open FBI files; and
- 4. More publicity and attempts to have newspapers involved in the case.

T-3 advised that TED JACOBS stated that the National Headquarters raised and spent \$50,000.00 on the case through November, 1957 and added that the delegates felt that the presidential appeal should be widely circulated.

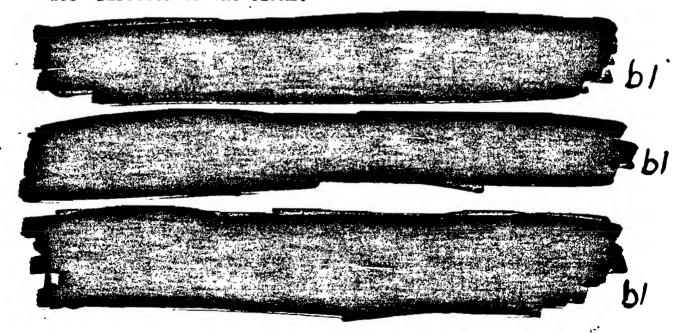




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Approximately 40 persons from all over the nation attended, many of whom were from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP); a committee would be formed to exploit Soviet scientific accomplishments and to propagandize this in behalf of SOBELL; a committee would be formed to secure one million signatures in behalf of SCBELL; full time organizers would be hired; the National Committee and the New York Committee are the same; the committee spent \$54,000.00 in 1957 and of this New York contributed \$29,000.00; the committee is almost out of money and needs to raise money in the near future; and, MALCOLM SHARP was the guiding force at the conference.

Director of the Chicago Sobell Committee as well as Mid-170 west Director of the CSJMS.



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The Communist Party, USA (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10/150.

identified HELEN GURENITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Ins. MONTON SOBELL), as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944.

had stated publicly that she (hATNEh) was a member of the Cr.

T-7 advised on November 7, 1956, that a photograph of WILLIAM WOLF was identical to an individual whom the informant knew to be TED JACOBS of the CSJMS.

T-8 advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM WOLF was "an old party hack", who was active in the youth movements in the CP. T-8 advised that he had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

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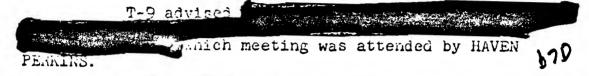
that among the persons

that the SCHNEIDERs appeared to be the CP leaders at the

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SHARP was a Cr member in the early 1940's and that SHARP cooperated with the CP in various front activities and various Chicago political affairs.

D. Funds

T-2 advised on October 28, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of October 27, 1957 of \$1,011.50.

T-2 advised on November 29, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of November 29, 1957 of \$79.72.

T-2 advised on January 7, 1958, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of December 31, 1957 of \$458.91.

T-2 advised on January 31, 1958 that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of January 31, 1958 of \$389.02.

T-2 advised on March 3, 1958 that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of February 28, 1958 of \$267.39.

T-2 advised on March 31, 1958 that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of March 31, 1958 of \$586.72.



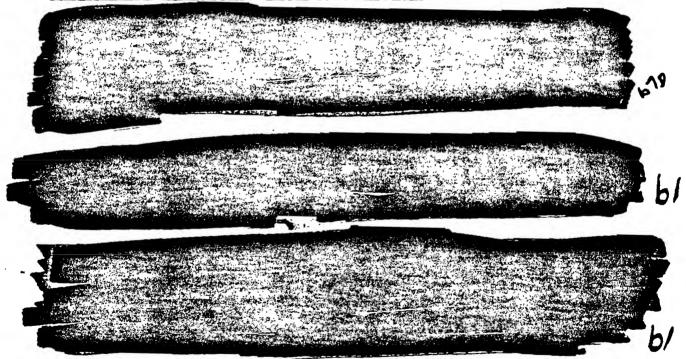
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T-2 advised on May 1, 1958, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of April 30, 1958 of \$889.01.

T-2 advised on May 27, 1958, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of May 27, 1958 of \$554.46.

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E. Activities at National Headquarters





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T-l advised on January 3, 1958, that a New Year's Eve party was held at 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on December 31, 1957, under the sponsorship of the Sobell Committee.

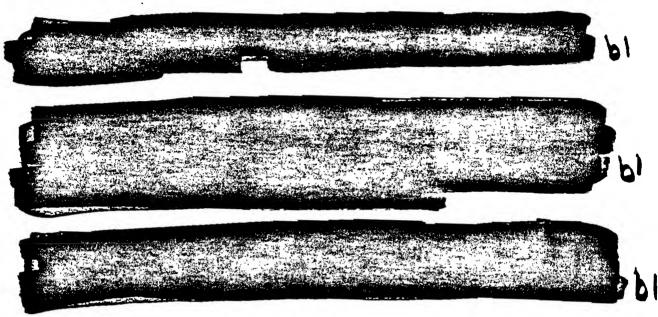
T-l advised that this party was attended by approximately 250 persons, most of whom were elderly, and that the party was considered by the sponsors to be a failure, even though \$215.00 was made. T-l advised that the party was considered to be a failure because of the fact that liquor consumption was poor - blamed on the elderly crowd present which caused younger persons to leave early - and because of the poor reception the Sobell Committee literature received, since very few persons signed petitions.



The mass campaign for signatures will begin in late April, 1958, but it is planned to have many thousands prior to that date so that a letter can be sent to the President immediately showing popular approval; there will be a series of fund raising dinners throughout the United States with a final dinner in New York City; the committee is in need of funds; and, the press is giving the committee favorable notice.

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T-11 advised on April 28, 1958, that on April 21, 1958, a rally sponsored by the CSJMS was held at the Community Church, 35th Street and Pack Avenue, New York City.



According to T-11, the speakers repeated the arguments as to Sobell's innocence, protested the Supreme Court's denial of a motion for a hearing and the adverse publicity the committee received.





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T-11 advised that attendance at the rally was approximately 250 persons and estimated the collection to be approximately \$2,500.00.

F. Literature



"Washington, D.C. - October 7-Attorneys acting in behalf of some 5.300 Americans today filed an appeal asking the Supreme Court to review the case of Morton Sobell.

"A 'friend of the court' (Amicus Curiae) brief asking a hearing on new evidence was submitted to the High Court by Attorneys DANIEL G. MARSHALL of Los Angeles, former Judge EDWARD P. TOTTEN of Orange, California, and LAURENT B. FRANTZ of Berkley, California.

"The attorneys submitting the Amicus Curiae brief said they were acting in behalf of Americans who want a full hearing in the Sobell Case because of their concern for the integrity of our system of justice. The names of the 5,300, including persons from 1/2 states, were filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Contributions from among these friends of the court have financed Morton Sobell's present legal appeals....."



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"The United States Supreme Court has declined to decide whether or not Morton Sobell had a fair trial. By not reviewing the case, the Court has in effect left standing the uncontroverted new evidence that the prosecution used fraudulent means to convict Morton Sobell, including illegally kidnapping him from Mexico. This new evidence has never been refuted by the prosecution. That is why 5,300 Americans filed a legal appeal asking the Supreme Court to order a full hearing so that this evidence could be subjected to a judicial review by the court......

"New legal motions will be explored. Public inquiries will be made. Thousands of additional copies of the trial record will be distributed for study. Books, brochures and reports of articles on the case will be mailed throughout the country. Morton Sobell's wife and mother will increase their efforts in city after city to tell the facts in the case....."

G. Activities of the New York City Committees



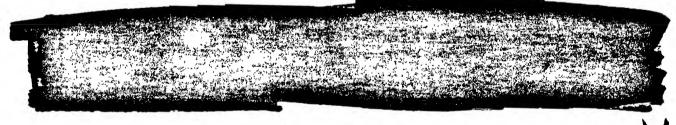
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discussed SC buliness such as the raising of funds, by publicity, and methods of soliciting signatures.

T-l advised on October 29, 1957, that a halloween party with the proceeds going to the Sobell Committee was held on October 26, 1957, at 601 West 113th Street, New York City, and added that approximately 125 persons attended, an admission of \$1.25 was collected at the door, alcoholic drinks and food were sold, and, a collection speech was made. According to T-l, approximately \$200.00 was raised by this party.

T-12 advised on October 30, 1957, that a party was held in New York City on October 26, 1957, for the benefit of the Sobell Committee at which approximately \$175.00 was raised.

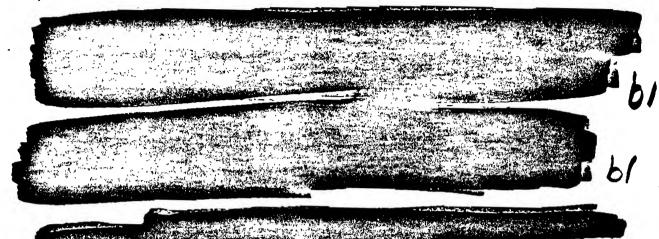


On December 14, 1957, a dinner under the spensorship of the Bronx Sobell Committee was held at the Hungarian House, Bronx, New York City, in honor of the chairman of the Bronx Sobell Committee with the proceeds of the dinner being donated to the CSJMS. Approximately 250 elderly couples were observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be in attendance at this affair which consisted mainly of a dinner and dancing with a few brief speeches.



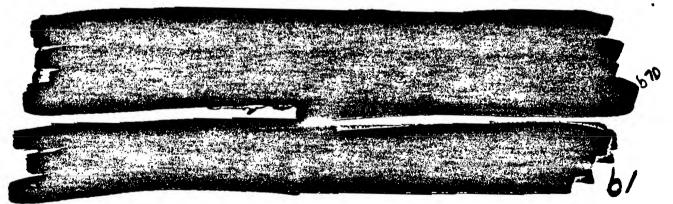
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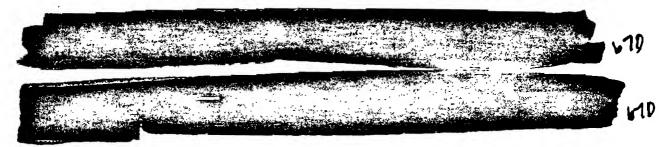
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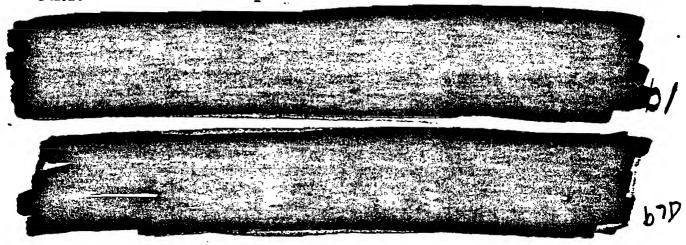


H. Activity of Supporting Groups

The CP, USA and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Characterization of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) may be found in the Appendix section of this report.

T-l advised on October 29, 1957, that a party was held on October 26, 1957, at 601 West 113th Street, Apartment 4H, with the proceeds being donated to the Sobell defense fund.



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at Which meeting a motion was passed to furnish 10 support to the Morton Sobell campaign.

the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY.
the book was in its entirety an attack on the government prosecution and witnesses and a defense of the ROSENBERGS.

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The CSJMS was starting a mass campaign of letters, telegrams and one million signatures on a petition to President EISENHOWER asking for pardon for MORTON SOBELL; mass meetings will be held

be asked to collect money for the Sobell Committee;

the chairman of the Bronx County Sobell Committee was a CP member named BEN RATNER.



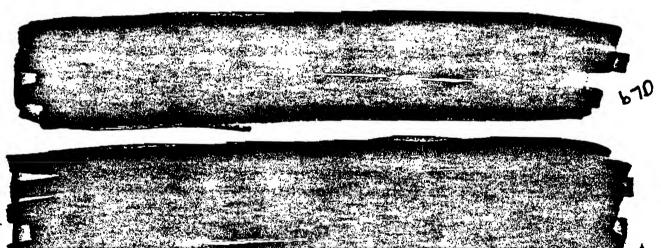
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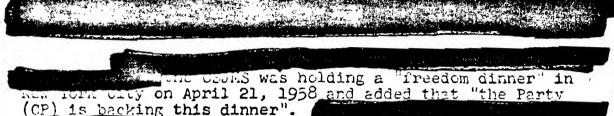


at which the latest known developments in the Sopell case

at which the latest known developments in the Sobell case were discussed by the membership.

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two persons attend the dinner from each club and that each club should donate \$25.00 to the Committee.

T-19 advised on May 19, 1958, that on May 1, 1958, a May Day rally was held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, under the sponsorship of the Communist weekly, "The Worker". According to T-19, among the political resolutions adopted by the assembly was a resolution calling for the release of Morton Sobell from prison and for giving him "a fair trial".

T-19 advised that a group of individuals maintained a station at the entrance to the hall and requested each person to sign a Presidential Petition to free Morton Sobell.

I. PUBLICITY IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA

1. "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958. "The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

On Page 12, column 2, of the October 6, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a news story entitled "Helen Sobell on 'Nightbeat' next Friday" which reports the proposed appearance of HELFN SOBELL on a television interview program.

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On page 3, column 1, of the October 8, 1957 issue of the "Dily Worker" is an article entitled "Attorneys for 5,300 file Sobell Appeal", which reports the filing of an Amicus Curiae brief with the United States Supreme Court by persons from 42 states asking for a review of the case of MORTON SOBELL.

On Page 7, column 5, of the October 9, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news story entitled "High Court Gets Sobell Motion" which reports that the United States Supreme Court had before it the motion asking for a review of the Morton Sobell case.

On page 12, column 4, of the October 13, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a news story entitled "Attorneys for 5,300 File Sobell Appeal", which is a reprint of the story appearing in the October 8, 1957 issue of the "Drily Worker".

On page 1, column 1, of the October 14, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a feature article in the form of a letter entitled "Letter to a Judge". This article, over the byline MILTON HOWARD, uses the Soviet earth-satellite "Sputnik" as a proof of Soviet technical superiority and derides the idea that the ROSENBERGs and SOBELL were engaged in espionage since the Soviet scientists obviously did not need espionage to assist them.

On page 1, column 2, of the October 18, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news type article entitled "Hit Tompkins Move to Smear Helen Sobell" which attacks the United States Attorney who in the course of an espionage trial then in progress in New York City, elicited information from a witness, who was a member of the espionage conspiracy, to the effect that the witness had been instructed to recruit HELEN SCBELL for espionage.



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On page 2, column 1, of the October 21, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news type article entitled "Protests Government Use of Magazine in Sobell Case" which attacks the Department of Justice for allegedly furnishing information for an article on the background and evidence in the SOBELL case to a nationally distributed magazine.

On page 2, column 2, of the October 21, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a feature article by VIRGINIA GARDNER entitled "Spy-In-The-Sky Fantasies" which quotes a news service as stating that the Soviets obtained information about space satellites from the ROSENBERGS and attacking the evidence utilized in convicting the ROSENBERGS by pointing out the superiority of Soviet scientists.

On page 3, column 2, of the October 23, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news type article entitled "Ask Brownell Repudiate Anti-Sobell 'Look' Article" which criticizes a story on the background and evidence of the ROSENDERG - SOBELL case which appeared in "Look Magazine."

On page 2, column 1, of the October 24, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news article entitled "Norman Thomas Favore Review of Sobell Case by High Court" which reports that THOMAS, former Socialist candidate for President of the United States, supported a movement for a Supreme Court review of the SCBELL case.

On page 1, column 1, of the October 27, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a caricature depicting a nationally distributed magazine as sitting on the grave of the ROSENBERGS.

On page 1 of the October 27, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an open letter to Attorney General BROWNELL and a lengthy feature article entitled "Why Let Only One Magazine See Rosenberg Files?" both by VIRGINIA GARDNER, who signs herelf "Reporter, The Worker." This article and letter attacks the article appearing in "Look Magazine" which article gives the background of the ROSENBERG and SOBELL case and attacks

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a statement in the article in which the author claims that he had access to still-secret FBI files.

On page 1, column 4, of the October 29, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news article entitled "High Court Denies One of Three Sobell Appeals which reports a denial by the Supreme Court of the contention that the trial jury was prejudiced when the prosecutor questioned ETHEL ROSENDERG on her having invoked the 5th Amendment before the Grand Jury.

On page 4, column 2, of the October 30, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news type article entitled "Oregon Paper Puzzled by Sobell Case" which quotes an editorial in the Portland "Oregonian" suggesting that there are puzzling aspects to the SOBELL case.

On page 1, column 1, of the November 3, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a feature article under the byline of VIRGINIA GARDNER entitled "Department of Justice Stammas When We Ask About Rosenberg Report which reports that the planned report by the Department of Justice on the ROSENBERG case would be classified and not made public and asking why some of the information had been released to a nationally distributed magazine.

On page 3, column 1, of the November 6, 1957 issue of the 'Daily Worker" is a feature article entitled "A Key Document in the Rosenberg Case"which relates testimony before a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee hearing by one of the witnesses in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL trial which proves that the witness lied at the trial.

On page 11, column 1, of the November 10, 1957 issue of The Worker" is a feature article entitled "What 'Look' Think. About Its Department of Justice Rosenberg 'Scoop' which quotes the efforts of the reporter to prove that "Look magazine was publishing a slanted article at the Department of Justices, bidding.

. On page 3, column 2, of the November 11, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a feature article entitled

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How Department of Justice Mended Evidence After Trial" which article states that the Department of Justice assigned to one of its attorneys the job of preparing a manuscript which would counterattain the evidence of fraud and conniving by the Department of Justice shown in the book "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY.

On page 1, columns 3,4, and 5, of the November 13, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a news story entitled "High Court Denies All Sobell Pleas' which reports the denial of the Supreme Court to hear the motions for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 2, column 4 of the November 14, 1957 issue of the 'Daily Worker" is an editorial entitled "The Sobell Fight Goes On" which attacks the Supreme Court refusal to hear motions for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, the publishing of an article on the trial in a nationally distributed magazine, and, advising that the fight for freedom for MORTON SOBELL would continue.

On page 10, column 3, of the November 17, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a news type story entitled 'High Court Rejects Sobell Appeal" which reports the refusal of the Supreme Court to review the case of MORTON SOBELL.

On page 12, column 1, of the November 17,1957 issue of "The Worker" is a feature article entitled "Von Braun Refutes Tale of Rosenberg's Stealing Sky Secret" which quotes a United States missile expert as stating that the United States had no space satellite program of note prior to 1951 and concludes from this statement that stories to the effect that the ROSENBERG-SOBELL espionage ring had stolen satellite data was, therefore, necessarily false.

On page 3, column 3, of the November 19, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker is a news type article entitled "Milwaukee 'Journal' Hits 'Look' Rosenberg Articles which reports that the Milwaukee 'Journal' declared editorially on November 9, 1957, that "Look" magazine "oversold"the story of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case.

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On page 3, column 1, of the November 24, 1957 issue of The Worker" is a news type article entitled "Minneapolis to Hear Sobell Case Talk" which reports that MALCOLM SHARP of Chicago would talk in Minneapolis on the SOBELL case.

On page 10, column 5, of the December 1, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an announcement of a talk by MALCOLM SHARP on the SOBELL case at Minneapolis on December 5, 1957.

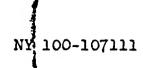
On page 4, column 2, of the December 3, 1957 issue of the 'Daily Worker' is a news type article entitled 'Milwaukee 'Journal' Satirizes Sputnik-Rosenberg Allegation which reports that the Milwaukee "Journal" had published a second editorial on the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case.

On page 3, column 4, of the December 5, 1957 issue of the 'Daily Worker is a news type article entitled 'New Drive Launched to Free Morton Sobell' which reports that one million signatures would be gathered and letters to the White House would be written in a call for executive pardon or commutation of sentence for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 10, column 3, of the December 8, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled 'New Campaign Launched to Free Sobell' which reports a drive to secure one million signatures on a petition for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 10, column 4, of the December 8, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a box announcement of a dinner to be held December 14, 1957, in the Bronk with the proceeds of the dinner going to the "Morton Sobell Bufense."

On page 8, column 1, of the December 15, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a feature article entitled Our Drevfus Waits on Devil's Island" which compares the ROSENBERG-SOBELL espionage case to the French DREYFUS case.



On page 4, column 3 of the December 16, 1957 issue of the 'Daily Worker" is an article entitled 'Milwaukee 'Journal' Questions Science Secret Theft Tales' which reports that the Milwaukee "Journal" ran a third editorial expressing skepticism about the tales of theft of United States secrets by the Soviets.

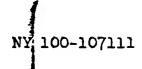
On page 10, column 3 of the December 29, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a box announcement of a New Year's Eve party to be held in New York City on December 31, 1957, under the auspices of the "Sobell Committee."

On page 14, column 4 of the March 9, 1958 issue of "The Worker" is a news article entitled "Morton Sobell Transferred" which reports the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison to Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

On page 15, column 1 of the March 23, 1958 issue of 'The Worker' is an article entitled "Brooklynites Call Meeting on Sobell" which reports a proposed meeting to be held in Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1958, where a film on the SOBELL case would be exhibited.

On page 15, column 2 of the March 23, 1958 issue of "The Worker is a box announcement of a "Special Brooklyn 'Appeal for Freedom'" which advertises a meeting to be held in Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1958, at which a film on the SCBELL case would be exhibited.

On page 3, column 4 of the April 13, 1955 issue of "The Worker is an article entitled "Detroit to Hear Sobell's Wifz April 22" which announces that HELEN SOBELL would discuss her husband's case at a gathering in Detroit on April 22, 1958.



On page 4, column 1 of the April 27, 1958 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled "Why Rev. McCormack Was Told He Was 'Through' at Alcatraz" which reports an interview when the former Protestant chaplain said that he had been informed that his job was "through" at Alcatraz and the minister had assumed that it was because he had signed a petition for MORTON SOBELL.

2. "National Guardian"

The documentation for the "National Guardian" (NG) may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

On page 1 of the October 14, 1957 issue of the NG is an editorial entitled "This is Volume Nine Number 52 of Your Paper" which states that during nine years of publication, the paper has been attacked for several reasons among which was ".....for unrasking the tragic injustice of the Rosenberg-Sobell case....."

On page 6 of the October 14, 1957 issue of the NG is an article entitled "Helen Sobell on TV October 11 in New York /rea 'Nightbeat'" which advises that HELEN SOBELL will be interviewed on October 11 on a television interview program.

On page 11 of the October 21, 1957 issue of the NG is an article entitled "The Supreme Court - Scales and Lightfoot Convictions Reversed" which reports that among the items of business before the Supreme Court was the formal filing of a "Friend-of-the-Court brief" in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

On page 1 of the October 28, 1957 issue of the NG is a lengthy article entitled "An Editorial Article - Drownell's Foul Play to Smear Sobell's Appeal is Laid Bare" which attacks an article released exclusively to a magazine with nationwide distribution by the Department of





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Justice which article concerns the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case and attacks the Department of Justice accusing it of conducting a propaganda campaign to influence the Supreme Court.

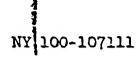
On page 11 of the October 28, 1957 issue of the NG is a paid advertisement "Series of a New World" which advertises a party to be held at 610 West 13th Street, New York City, for the benefit of The Sobell Fund."

On page 1 of the November 4, 1957 issue of the NG is a news article entitled "Action on Two Others Awaited - High Court Turns Down One of Three Sobell Appeals" which advised that one of the three motions of MORTON SOBELL seeking a new trial was rejected without comment by the United States Supreme Court.

On page 2 of the November 4, 1957 issue of the NG is an editorial entitled "Abel and Sobell" which comments unfavorably on the trial of RUDOLF ABEL who was convicted on a charge of espionage in Brooklyn, New York, and expressing the opinion that the main point of the trial was to influence the Supreme Court deliberations on the motions for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 10 of the November 4, 1957 issue of the NG is an article signed by MALCOLM SHARP entitled "The Issues in the Sobell Case" which is a reprint of a letter to the Washington 'Post and Times Herald from MALCOLM SHARP which letter accuses the Department of Justice of attempting to influence the Supreme Court decisions concerning the motions for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 11 of the November 4, 1957 and December 2, 1957 issues of the NG is an advertisement of a six week discussion series under the sponsorship of the Young Socialist Alliance and the listing for December 6 is a discussion of "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley.



On page 11 of the November 4, 1957 and November 11, 1957 issues of the NG is an advertisement for a discussion of the SOBELL case which is to be held in San Francisco, California on November 22, 1957.

On page 9 of the November 11, 1957 issue of the NG is a box announcement entitled "San Franciscans..... Hear.....the Sobell Case in Perspective.....Sir Francis Drake Hotel....Friday, November 22....."

On page 11 of the November 18, 1957 issue of the NG is an announcement of a meeting to hear the issues in the SOBELL case to be held November 23, 1957, at the Hotel Shattuck in Berkeley, California.

On page 11 of the November 18, 1957, November 25, 1957 and December 2, 1957 issues of the NG is an announcement of a meeting to hear MALCOLM SHARP discuss the SOBELL case on December 5, 1957 at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota:

On page 3 of the November 25, 1957 issue of the NG is a news article entitled "New Moves Planned - Sobell Pleas Turned Down by High Court" which reports that on November 5, 1957, the United States Supreme Court rejected without comment two appeals for review of the SOBELL trial.

On page 3 of the December 2, 1957 issue of the NG is an article entitled "Quizzers Keep Trying - Scientist Scoffs at Attempts to Link Sputniks to Spies" which reports a speech in New Orleans by the Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Massachusetts in which he said that the scientific progress of the Soviets was greater than that of the United States and attacking testimony before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee concerning Soviet espionage in the United States.

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On page 11 of the December 9, 1957, December 16, 1957, December 23, 1957 and December 30, 1957 issues of the NG is an advertisement for a New Year's Eve party to be held at 77 Fifth Avenue in New York City under the auspices of the Sobell Committee."

On page 2 of the December 9, 1957 issue of the NG is an editorial entitled "Report to Readers - A Million Americans" which states that although the Supreme Court had rejected the motions for a review of the MORTON SOBELL case, the committee was seeking a million signatures to an appeal to President Eisenhower for a new trial, executive pardon or commutation of sentence.

On page 11 of the December 9, 1957 issue of the NG is an advertisement of a dinner to be held at the Hungarian House in the Bronx, New York, on December 14, 1957, with the proceeds for the benefit of the SC.

On page 10 of the December 16, 1957 issue of the NG is a box advertisement for "'You Who Love Life' - Poems by Helen Sobell."

On page 10 of the January 20, 1958 issue of the NG is a box advertisement which reads in part "Wanted! In the name of justice - people with heart and determination. People who insist that Morton Sobell must be freed..... volunteers are needed..... beginning Monday, January 20, the Sobell office will be open until 9:00 FM every evening New York Sobell Committee, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City....."

On page 9 of the January 27, 1958 issue of the NG is an article entitled "Sound of Trumpets - Sobell Case Inquiry Urged" which is a reprint of an article appearing in a publicity release issued by the NCSJMS which calls for a public inquiry by private citizens into the SOBELL case.

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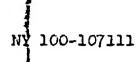
On page 8 of the February 3, 1958 issue of the NG is a lengthy advertisement entitled "For a United Socialist Ticket in the 1958 Elections" which advertisement is signed by the National Committee, Socialist Workers Farty, which urges the uniting of all socialists and agreement on a common slate of candidates to be supported in the 1958 national elections. Among the items proposed as possible planks in the political platform of the United Socialist Party is "...free such political prisoners as Morton Sobell...."

On page 11 of the February 3, 1958 and page 15 of the February 17, 1958 issues of the NG is an advertisement for a party to be held at 2724 Alcatraz, Berkeley, California on February 22, 1958, under the sponsorship of the East Bay Sobell Committee.

On page 2 of the February 10, 1958 issue of the NG is a letter to the editor signed by "Ted Jacobs for the Sobell Committee" which requests volunteers to work in the Sobell Committee office in New York City.

On page 13 of the February 17, 1958 issue of the NG is a full page advertisement seeking signatures to "An appeal to the President on behalf of Morton Sobell" paid for by the Los Angeles SC and the San Francisco SC and containing a reprint of the text of the Fresidential appeal with a space for signatures, a contribution and to volunteer services.

On page 11 of the March 10, 1958 issue of the NG is an advertisement for a lecture on the SOBELL case to be given by SOBELL at 91 Swan Lane, Levittown, Long Island on March 14, 1958.



On page 11 of the March 10, 1958, March 17, 1958, March 24, 1958, March 31, 1958 and April 7, 1958 issues of the NG is an advertisement entitled "We're Mobilized for Freedom" asking for signers to the appeal to the President on behalf of MORTON SOBELL which advertisement was sponsored by the Los Angeles SC, 425 North Western Avenue.

On page 11 of the March 10, 1958 issue of the NG is an advertisement of a meeting to be held at 777 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois on March 11, 1958, at which a lecture was to be given and a movie shown on the SOBELL case.

On page 2 of the March 10, 1958 issue of the NG is an editorial congratulating the SOBELL family for their good fortune in having MORTON SOBELL moved from Alcatraz Prison to Atlanta Penitentiary and asking for volunteers to sign a petition to the President for a new trial or for executive pardon.

On page 1 and page 2 of the March 10, 1958 issue of the NG is a lengthy article entitled "Morton Sobell Wins Removal to Atlanta" which reports that MORTON SOBELL was moved on February 24, 1958, from Alcatraz Prison to Atlanta Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

On page 11 of the March 17, 1950 issue of the NG is an advertisement of a speech to be given on the SCBELL case by HELEN SCBELL at the Adelphi Hall, New York City, on March 21, 1958.

On page 2 of the March 17, 1958 issue of the NG is an editorial entitled "Report to Readers - The Press and Sobell" which requests readers to advise the NG concerning the amount of space their home town newspaper gave to the removal of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz to Atlanta and attributing this removal to the excellent work done by the NG and by local Sobell Committees.

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On page 2 of the March 17, 1958 issue of the 'NG is a "Letter to the Editor" signed "Ted Jacobs for the Sobell Committee" which thanks the NG for its support in the SCBELL case.

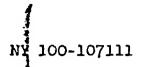
On page 2 of the March 17, 1958 issue of the NG are two Letters to the Editor" concerning the SOBELL case, one written by HELEN SOBELL and the other by MURIEL SYMINGTON.

On page 10 of the March 17, 1958, March 24, 1958, March 31, 1958 and April 7, 1958 issues of the NG are a box advertisement of "Sobell Freedom Banquet" to be held at 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on April 12, 1958, under the auspices of the Los Angeles SC.

On page 0 of the March 24, 1958 issue of the NG is an article entitled "Sobell Transfer to Atlanta Completed" which advises that on March 7, 1958, MORTON SOBELL arrived at Atlanta Penitentiary after a transfer from Alcatraz where he had been sent in 1952.

On page 10 of the March 24, 1958 issue of the NG is an article advising that a meeting would be held at Sunrise Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1955, at which there would be a discussion concerning the SOBELL case.

On page 11 of the March 24, 1955 and March 31, 1958 issues of the NG is an advertisement entitled "You Helped Morton Sobell Win Transfer From Alcatraz - Now Help Set Him Free" which advertises a meeting to hear a lecture which meeting would be held at Sunrise Manor in Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1958.



On page 10 of the March 31, 1958, April 7, 1958 and April 14, 1958 issues of the NG is an advertisement in the form of a "Memo to Sobell Committee" in which there is furnished a space for a name and address and which requests the Sobell Committee of New York City to reserve space at a victory dinner to be held on April 21, 1958, in New York City celebrating the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz.

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I. PUBLICITY IN NEW YORK CITY AREA NEWSPAPERS

· 2. "National Guardian" (Continued)

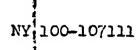
On page ten of the April 7, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement for a meeting to be 1:1d April 11, 1958, at 44 Fage Street, San Francisco, California, at which the speakers, including HELEN SOBELL, would discuss the Sobell Case.

On page ten of the April 7, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Nationwide Petition Campaign - Sobell dinners in Los Angeles and New York" which reports that dinner meetings would be held in Los Angeles and New York to celebrate the transfer of MORTON SCBELL from Alcatraz Penitentiary to Atlanta Penitentiary and to begin a Nationwide Petition Campaign asking the President to intervene for a new trial or for Executive Clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

According to the article, the Los Angeles dinner would be held April 12 and MALCOLM SHARP of Chicago and HELEN SOBELL would be the principal speakers; the New York dinner would be held April 21, and Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, former Alcatraz Chaplain and HELEN SOBELL would be the principal speakers.

On page two of the April 7, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a "letter to the editor" from ROSE SOBELL expressing a "mother's gratitude" for the many persons working on various Sobell Committees.

On page eleven of the April 7, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a "Sobell Freedom Party" to be held on April 12, 1958, at 4666 North Sherman Boulevard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the auspices of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.



On page eleven of the April 14, 1958 and April 21, 1958, issues of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a meeting to hear HELEN SOBELL discuss the Sobell Case at the Central Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan, on April 22, 1958.

On page eleven of the April 14, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement of a party to be held April 12, 1958, at "Weissman's, 325 East 17th Street, New York City" for the benefit of the Sobell Committee.

On page eleven of the April 14, 1958 and April 21, 1958, issues of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement requesting volunteers to report to the National Office of the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City, to belassigned either national or the job of canvassing for signatures to the Presidential appeal.

On page two of the April 14, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian" is a "letter to the editor" signed by "JOHN GILMAN, Chairman of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee" which letter urges that an attempt be made to have persons in Europe start a mass campaign for signatures to be joined with signatures in the United States requesting that the President give Executive Clemency to MORTON SOBELL.

On page two of the April 21, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial entitled, "Mose Green Is it?" which concerns a proposed dinner by the Sobell Committees of the New York area at the "Tavern-On-The-Green" in New York City on April 21, 1958. The "Tavern-On-The-Green", according to the article, a privately owned and operated restaurant in a city owned park, broke its contract for the dinner

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after unfavorable newspaper publicity about the dinners had caused protests to the restourant management. The editorial speaks of the constitutional right of persons to . . petition and urges readers to protest to city officials concerning the cancellation.

On page ten of the April 21, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for the "Morton Sobell Freedom Dinner!" to be held April 21, 1958, at the "Tavern-On-The-Green" in New York Civy.

On page ten of the April 21, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a news of type article concerning a proposed dinner to be held April 22, 1958 at the Central Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan, at which HELEN SOBELL would speak concerning the Sobell Case.

On page one and eight of the April 28, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy article entitled, "New York City Repeals the Bill of Rights -Church Opens Door to Parad Sobell Meeting" which advises that due to the cancelling of the achimiled dinner at the "Tavern-On-The-Green", New York City and the cancellation of the substitute dinner at the Ch ateau Gardens, both arranged for April 21, 1958, the Reverend DONALD HARRINGTON, Pastor of the New York Community Church, Park Avenue, New York City, invited the Sobell Committee to hold a public meetings on that date at this church. According to the article, seven hundred persons attended the church meeting and heard speeches by the Reverend PETER MC CORMACK, former Protestant Chaplain of Alcatraz, ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, YURI SWHL, Professor WITTOR PASCHKIS of Columbia University, DOROTHY DAY of the "Catholic Worker" and Actor MORRIS CARNOVSKY.

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On page eight of the May 5, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a photograph of ROSE SOBELL conversing with the Reverend PETER MC CORMACK about the case of MORTON SOBELL.

On page two of the May 26, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial entitled, "Report to Readers" - Beat the Doldrums which reports that in order to beat the doldrums they should take an interest in the Sobell Case by signing the Petition to the President.

On page ten of the June 2, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement entitled, "Freedom Fortnight for Morton Sobell" which requests volunteers in New York City to circulate the Sobell Petition, to hold house gatherings, to take part in the tanvassing, and, to hold house office during the two weeks before the Fifth Anniversary of the Rosenberg Execution.

On page eleven of the June 15, 1958 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement entitled "The Truth does not change" which advertises a book entitled, "The Rosenbergs - Poems of the United States".

On pages one and seven of the June 16, 1955 issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy article entitled, "Five Years Ago the Rosenbergs Were Executed - The Fight Goes On In Sobell's Eighth Year In Prison" which article summarizes the efforts of the Sobell-Rosenberg Committee to prevent the execution of the ROSENBERGS on June 19, 1953 and to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL who had been sentenced to thirty years in prison. The article summarizes

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the arguments of SOBELL in his plea for a new trial which arguments had been rejected by the Supreme Court of the United States in February, 1958.

3. New York City Daily Newspapers

On page sixteen of the November 13, 1958 issue of the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, is a news article entitled, "high Court Bars Eighth Sobell Plea - Rejects Charge of Fraud And Kidnapping Led To His Convintion as Spy", which article reports that allegations by SCBELL that his conviction was "steeped in fraud and tainted by false perjured evidence" were rejected by the United States Supreme Court.

On page twelve of the November 13, 1957 issue of the "New York Daily Mirror" and page twenty one of the November 13, 1957 issue of the "New York Daily News", New York City daily newspapers are similar news stories of the rejection of the motion for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL by the United States Supreme Court.

On page two of the March 5, 1958 issue of the "New York Times" is a news article entitled, "Sobell Going to Atlanta Penitentiary" which reports the transfer of MORTON SCHELL from Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

On page three of "New York Journal American", on page five of the "New York Post", on page seven of the "New York Daily News", on page seven of the "New York Daily Mirror", on page thirteen of the "New York Herald Tribune", on page twenty of the "New York Times", and page twenty five of the "New York World Telegram and Sun", all New York City daily newspapers, published on

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April 15, 1958, are articles concerning the cancellation of the Sobell Committee Freedom Dinner at the Tavern-On-The-Green on April 21, 1958, and objections to the cancellation by the Civil Liberties Union of New York City.

On page three of the "New York Journal American", on page three of the "New York Daily News", on page twenty four of the "New York Times", on page twenty one of the 'New York Post", all New York City daily newspapers, published on April 19, 1958, are articles which report that New York State Supreme Court denied a motion by the Sobell Committee to compel the Tavern-On-The-Green to reinstate the dinner poservation for April 21, 1958. According to these articles, the court had stated that the right of free assembly and free speech was not at issue.

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1. Albany

LILLIAN REINER stated that she (REINER)
was Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee and
JANE ANDERSON was Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

T-21 advised on March 11, 1951, that LIL REINER although not known as a member of the Communist Party (CP) was closely associated with CP members.

T-21 advised on Document 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON was a long time member of the CP at Syracuse, New York.

2. Detroit

at which Mrs. HELEN SOBELL gave a talk on the case of her husband and asked for support.

3. Los Angeles

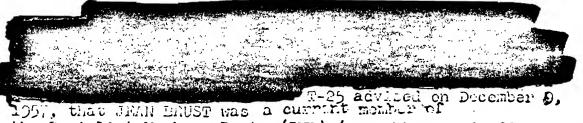
T-7 advised on December 9, 1957, that the Los Angeles Chapter of the Sobell Committee had its main headquarters at 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California; that it was composed of the following main chapters - the Los Angeles area, the Long Beach area chapter, and the San Pedro chapter; and that WIDER NEW MAN, an organizer, was the only paid functionary of the committee and the other officers were ANN KELLER as Chairman and EVELYN BURKETT as Secretary.

T-23 advised on January 17, 1955, that WIDGE NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) from June, 1943 to 1945 while attending New York University (NAU) at New York City.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-24 advised on February 28, 1955, that ANN BERENHOLTZ KFLLER was a member of the CP as of approximately late 1953 and had been a CP member for approximately eighteen years to that time. T-24 furnished information which indicated that part of ANN KELLER's membership had been in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

6 4. Minneapolis

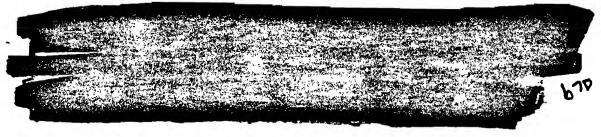


the Socialist Workers Party (SIP) (see above) and added that the Minnesota CSJMS was completely controlled and dominated by the SIP.

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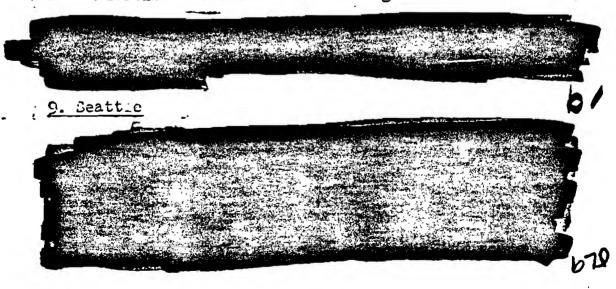
meeting of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee was held at Los

Angeles, California, at which there was present delegates from affiliated Sobell Committees.

SARA SUTTON FRIEDMAN, New Haven, Connecticut, a self-confessed member of the CP who testified on bealf of the United States Government in New York—City, on November 26, 1954, identified a photograph of RUTH ROSLNYHAL on July 26, 1955, as the persons who signed FRIEDMAN into the CP in 1944, and who was a member of the CP at Miami Beach, Florida, in 1944 and 1945.

8. Portland

T-29 advised on December 2, 1957, that a mimeographed press release on the stationery of the CSJMS dated November 6, 1957, explaining the background and aims of the Sobell Committee was circulated in the Portland, Oregon area over the signature of ROSE LEOPOLD as Chairman of the Oregon Sobell Committee.





10. San Diego .



LESSNER was one of the current active memoers of the L79-San Deigo County CP as of that date.

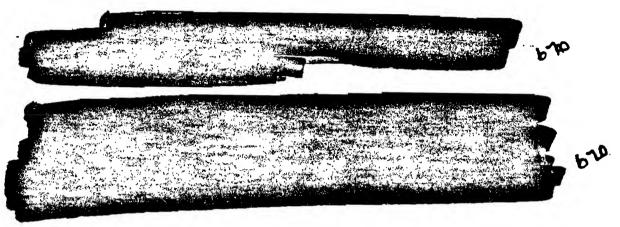
11. San Francisco

On page four, column five of the June 1, 1957 issue of "People's World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, is a news article entitled, "Sobell Affair Set For San Francisco" which reports that WARREN K. BILLINGS is Chairman of the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees.

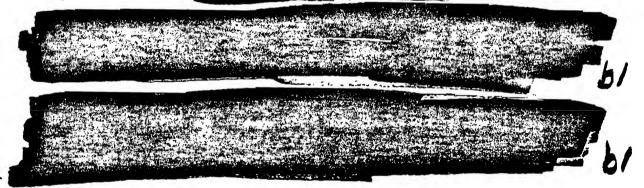
12. St. Louis

T-3 advised on October 28, 1957, that headquarters of the St. Louis CSJMS was located at 3715 Ia Salle Streeet, St. Louis, Missouri, the residence of CLARA and HAVEN PERKINS, and, that CLARA PERKINS was at that time Chairman of the St. Louis Sobell Committee.





T-33 advised that ELSIE HAUBER and IRWIN
GLICKER were elected as Co-chairman of the St. Louis
Sobell Committee



13. Miami

T-25 advised on October 22, 1957, that there were no meetings of the Miami Chapter of the Sobell Committee for some months and that the only activity was collecting money to be sent to the National Headquarters of the CSJMS.

14. Milwaukee

T-36 advised on March 17, 1958, that JOHN GILMAN was elected Chairman of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee in July, 1957, and was still serving in that capacity.

T-36 advised on August 16, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN, a Chairman of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, was a member of the CP and that the major portion of the members of the Sobell Committee in Milwaukee were members of the CP.

15. Washington, D.C.

T-37 advised on September 17, 1957, that the Washington, D.C. Sobell Committee did not have an office in which to work but that meetings of the committee were held at the home of Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD in Silver Springs, Maryland, and added that there were no elected officers of the committee and no formal membership but that ETHEL WEICHBROD had taken the active leadership role in the committee.

T-38 advised on March 20, 1953, that ETHEL WEICHBROD was at that time a CP member.

T-39 advised on June 2, 1958, that Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, was at that time visiting Washington, D.C. to obtain the funds for the Sobell Committee and to visit Senators and other Government officials concerning the case.

T-39 advised that the present plans were for ROSE SOBELL to remain in Washington, D.C. for one month.

T-39 advised on June 22, 1958, that a function under the sponsorship of the Washington, D.C. Sobell Committee was held on June 21, 1958, at which ROSE SOBELL gave a talk and motion pictures were shown. He added that \$264.00 was collected.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell' August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"



APPENDIX

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, aka: Young Socialist Forum

T-16 advised on April 23, 1958, that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) was formed at a meeting held October 1, 1957, at New York City, by individual members of the elements formerly comprising the Young Socialist Forum (YSF) in New York City. T-16 advised that the YSF was comprised of youth of various socialist tendencies, however, was dominated by members of the American Youth for Socialism, Left-Wing Caucus of the Young Socialist League, (YSL) and former members of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

T-16 advised that the Statement of Principle set forth in the YSA Constitution states that the YSA: 1. Pavors the abolition of our present capitalist system; 2. Advocates the replacement of this system by a socialist system; 3. Firmly resolves to direct its activities toward bringing about this transition.

The stated purpose of the YSA set forth in the Constitution is to bring together all young socialists in a broad, militant, independent, democratic organization.

T-16 advised, however, that the element of the YSA, which directly or indirectly established and controls policy, has become comprised almost exclusively of members of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The headquarters of the YSA are located at 144 Second Avenue, New York City.

The LYL and the SMP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





UNDED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. July -7, 1950

Re:

Committee TorSecure Justice For Morton Sobell' Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Philip H. Sheridan, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this report have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of T-2, T-15 and T-18, who are characterized as having been in a position to furnish reliable information.

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OFFICE HEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 7/7/53

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SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SCEELL

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Enclosed are six copies of the report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, dated and captioned as above, at New York. Also enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the reliability of informants utilized in this report.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, 10/28/58, New York.

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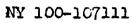
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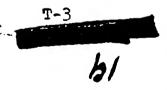


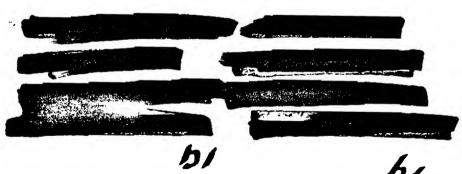




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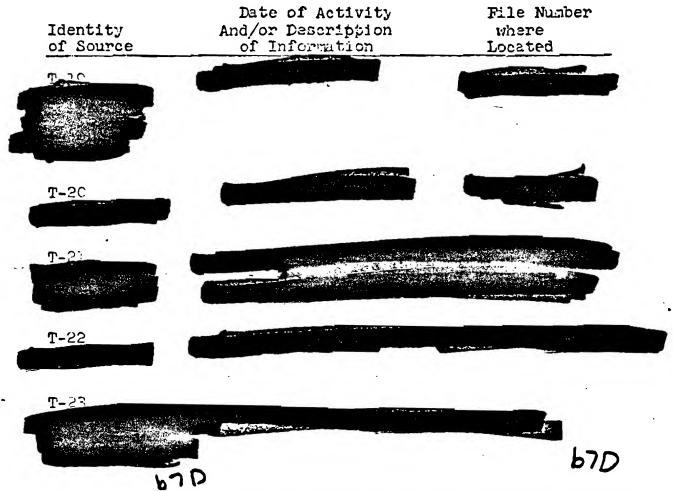




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Sunday June 22, 1958

On Saturday night June 21st. at 9 PM I attended a party given by the Sobell Committee at 54 W. 16 St. Apt. 11A.

There were approximately forty people in attendance. Admission was \$1.25 per person. There were salads, sandwiches and licquor served. Licquor had to be purchased by means of a raffle ticket.

